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Classification of Offenses.

The term "offenses known to the police" is designed to include those crimes designated as part I classes of the uniform classification occurring within the police jurisdiction, whether they become known to the police through reports of police officers, of citizens, of prosecuting or court officials, or otherwise. They are confined to the following group of seven classes of grave offenses, shown by experience to be those most generally and completely reported to the police: Criminal homicide, including (a) murder, nonnegligent manslaughter, and (b) manslaughter by negligence; rape; robbery; aggravated assault; burglary—breaking or entering; larceny—theft; and auto theft. The figures contained herein include also the number of attempted crimes of the designated classes. Attempted murders, however, are reported as aggravated assaults. In other words, an attempted burglary or robbery, for example, is reported in the bulletin in the same manner as if the crime had been completed.

"Offenses known to the police" include, therefore, all of the above offenses, including attempts, which are reported by the police departments of contributing cities and not merely arrests or cleared cases. Complaints which upon investigation are learned to be groundless are not included in the tabulations which follow.

In order to indicate more clearly the types of offenses included in each group, there follows a brief definition of each classification:

1. *Criminal homicide*.—(a) Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter—includes all felonious homicides except those caused by negligence. Does not include attempts to kill, assaults to kill, justifiable homicides, suicides, or accidental deaths. (b) Manslaughter by negligence—includes only those cases in which death is caused by culpable negligence which is so clearly evident that if the person responsible for the death were apprehended he would be prosecuted for manslaughter.

2. *Rape*.—Includes forcible rape, statutory rape, assault to rape, and attempted rape.

3. *Robbery*.—Includes stealing or taking anything of value from the person by force or violence or by putting in fear, such as highway robbery, stick-ups, robbery armed. Includes assault to rob and attempt to rob.

4. *Aggravated assault*.—Includes assault with intent to kill; assault by shooting, cutting, stabbing, maiming, poisoning, scalding, or by use of acids. Does not include simple assault, assault and battery, fighting, etc.

5. *Burglary—breaking or entering*.—Includes burglary, housebreaking, safe-cracking, or any unlawful entry to commit a felony or theft. Includes attempted burglary and assault to commit a burglary. Burglary followed by a larceny is entered here and is not counted again under larceny.

6. *Larceny—theft (except auto theft)*.—(a) Fifty dollars and over in value. (b) Under \$50 in value—includes in one of the above subclassifications, depending upon the value of the property stolen, pocket-picking, purse-snatching, shoplifting, or any stealing of property or thing of value which is not taken by force and violence or by fraud. Does not include embezzlement, "con" games, forgery, passing worthless checks, etc.

7. *Auto theft*.—Includes all cases where a motor vehicle is stolen or driven away and abandoned, including the so-called "joy-riding" thefts. Does not include taking for temporary use when actually returned by the taker, or unauthorized use by those having lawful access to the vehicle.

In publishing the data sent in by chiefs of police in different cities, the F B I does not vouch for their accuracy. They are given out as current information which may throw some light on problems of crime and criminal-law enforcement.

In compiling the tables, returns which were apparently incomplete or otherwise defective were excluded.

Extent of Reporting Area.

In the table which follows there is shown the number of police departments from which one or more crime reports were received during the calendar year 1937. Information is presented for the cities divided according to size. The population figures employed are estimates as of July 1, 1933, by the Bureau of the Census for cities with population in excess of 10,000. No estimates were available, however, for those with a smaller number of inhabitants, and, accordingly, for them the figures listed in the 1930 decennial census were used.

Population group	Total number of cities or towns	Cities filing returns		Total population	Population represented in returns	
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
Total	983	896	91.1	60,281,688	58,500,647	97.0
1. Cities over 250,000	37	37	100.0	29,695,500	29,695,500	100.0
2. Cities 100,000 to 250,000	57	57	100.0	7,850,312	7,850,312	100.0
3. Cities 50,000 to 100,000	104	101	97.1	6,980,407	6,773,170	97.0
4. Cities 25,000 to 50,000	191	175	91.6	6,638,544	6,067,391	91.4
5. Cities 10,000 to 25,000	594	526	88.6	9,116,925	8,114,274	89.0

Note.—The above table does not include 1,533 cities and rural townships aggregating a total population of 7,779,340. The cities included in this figure are those of less than 10,000 population filing returns, whereas the rural townships are of varying population groups.

The growth in the crime reporting area is evidenced by the following figures for 1930-37:

Year	Number of cities	Population	Year	Number of cities	Population
1930	1,127	45,029,965	1934	1,709	62,757,643
1931	1,511	51,145,734	1935	2,156	64,615,330
1932	1,578	53,212,280	1936	2,318	65,630,430
1933	1,658	62,357,363	1937	2,429	66,270,987

The foregoing comparison shows that during 1937 there was an increase of 111 cities as compared with 1936.

In addition to the 2,429 city and village police departments which submitted crime reports during 1937, one or more reports were received during that year from 1,286 sheriffs and state police organizations and from 8 agencies in territories and possessions of the United States. This makes a grand total of 3,723 agencies contributing crime reports during 1937.

MONTHLY RETURNS

Offenses Known to the Police—Cities Divided According to Population.

In table 102 there is presented the number of offenses known to have been committed during the calendar year 1937 as reported by the police departments of 1,809 cities with a combined population of 61,551,252. The figures are also presented for the cities divided into six groups according to size.

The compilation discloses that the number of offenses committed per unit of population is higher in the large cities than in the comparatively smaller communities. This distribution of the crimes is similar to the distribution shown in tabulations for prior years.

More than two-thirds of the crimes listed in the following table consist of larcenies (53.9 percent) and auto thefts (14.9 percent). Burglaries and robberies represented 26.6 percent of the crimes listed in the table. It will be noted that the foregoing crimes which are classed as offenses against property constitute 95.4 percent of the total offenses. The remaining crimes, murder, manslaughter, rape, and aggravated assault, are classed as offenses against the person and constituted 4.6 percent of the total. In spite of the small percentage of offenses against the person, it will be seen from the table that 3,765 murders, 3,406 manslaughters, 5,243 rapes, and 27,886 aggravated assaults were reported by the police departments represented in the compilation. Estimates of the total number of such crimes committed in the United States during 1937 may be found in table 115. A percentage distribution of the crimes shown in table 102 is presented below.

Offense	Rate per 100,000	Percent	Offense	Rate per 100,000	Percent
Total	1,446.6	100.0	Robbery	59.8	4.1
Larceny	780.0	53.9	Aggravated assault	45.5	3.2
Burglary	325.4	22.5	Rape	8.5	.6
Auto theft	215.6	14.9	Murder	6.1	.4
			Manslaughter	5.7	.4

The majority of the cities represented made separate reports of the larcenies in which the property stolen was valued at \$50 or more. A compilation showing the larcenies divided according to the value of the property stolen yields the following figures:

Population group	Larceny—theft		Population group	Larceny—theft	
	\$50 and over in value	Under \$50 in value		\$50 and over in value	Under \$50 in value
32 cities over 250,000; total population, 20,322,200: Number of offenses known.....	22,137	141,963	54 cities, 100,000 to 250,000; total population, 7,463,212: Number of offenses known.....	7,243	62,518
Rate per 100,000.....	108.9	698.6	Rate per 100,000.....	97.0	837.7

There were 233,861 larcenies classified according to the value of the property involved, and the preceding figures reveal that 29,380 (12.6 percent) were cases in which the value of the property exceeded \$50.

TABLE 102.—*Offenses known to the police, January to December, inclusive, 1937; number and rate per 100,000 inhabitants, by population groups*

[Population as estimated July 1, 1933, by the Bureau of the Census]

Population group	Criminal homicide		Rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary-breakin- g or entering	Larceny-theft	Auto theft						
	Murder, nonneg- ligent man- slau- ghter	Manslaughter by negli- gence												
GROUP I														
36 cities over 250,000; total population, 29,375,600:														
Number of offenses known	1,964	1,2,090	3,042	23,932	13,352	77,597	184,706	58,537						
Rate per 100,000	6.8	7.6	10.4	81.5	45.5	349.2	831.2	263.4						
GROUP II														
57 cities, 100,000 to 250,000; total population, 7,850,312:														
Number of offenses known	537	3,516	543	4,413	4,723	32,057	73,227	10,590						
Rate per 100,000	6.8	6.7	6.9	56.2	62.0	406.4	932.8	248.8						
GROUP III														
96 cities, 50,000 to 100,000; total population, 6,462,015:														
Number of offenses known	431	241	488	3,202	3,662	22,522	55,031	13,771						
Rate per 100,000	6.7	3.7	7.6	49.6	56.7	348.5	851.6	213.1						
GROUP IV														
162 cities, 25,000 to 50,000; total population, 5,623,637:														
Number of offenses known	255	197	392	1,944	2,308	18,411	46,069	10,906						
Rate per 100,000	4.5	3.5	7.0	34.6	42.6	327.4	819.2	193.9						
GROUP V														
441 cities, 10,000 to 25,000; total population, 6,854,785:														
Number of offenses known	303	193	433	1,822	2,286	15,649	42,667	9,480						
Rate per 100,000	4.4	2.8	6.3	26.6	33.3	228.3	622.4	135.3						
GROUP VI														
1,017 cities under 10,000; total population, 5,384,903:														
Number of offenses known	245	169	345	1,486	1,465	10,771	22,613	5,039						
Rate per 100,000	4.5	3.1	6.4	27.6	27.2	200.0	419.9	93.6						
Total 1,809 cities; total population, 61,551,252:														
Number of offenses known	3,765	1,3,406	5,243	36,799	27,886	177,007	424,313	117,283						
Rate per 100,000	6.1	5.7	8.5	59.8	45.5	325.4	780.0	215.6						

¹ The number of offenses and rate for manslaughter by negligence are based on reports of 34 cities with a total population of 27,647,400.

² The number of offenses and rates for burglary, larceny, and auto theft are based on reports of 35 cities with a total population of 22,221,300.

³ The number of offenses and rate for manslaughter by negligence are based on reports of 56 cities with a total population of 7,726,812.

⁴ The number of offenses and rate for aggravated assault are based on reports of 35 cities with a total population of 7,616,212.

⁵ The number of offenses and rate for manslaughter by negligence are based on reports of 1,806 cities with a total population of 59,699,552.

⁶ The number of offenses and rate for aggravated assault are based on reports of 1,807 cities with a total population of 61,317,152.

⁷ The number of offenses and rates for burglary, larceny, and auto theft are based on reports of 1,808 cities with a total population of 54,396,952.

Daily Average, Offenses Known to the Police, 1937.

Monthly variations in the number of crimes committed during 1937 are indicated in table 103, which is based on the reports received from the police departments of 93 cities with more than 100,000 inhabitants.

The daily average number of murders and aggravated assaults was highest during the third quarter of the year. This is similar to the monthly variations shown by the corresponding figures for 1936. Offenses of manslaughter by negligence were most frequently reported during the first and fourth quarters of the year.

All of the offenses against property (robbery, burglary, larceny, and auto theft) show similar monthly fluctuations, the highest points being in the first and fourth quarters of the year. In all instances the daily average for the fourth quarter of 1937 is higher than for the first quarter of the year. However, for burglary and auto theft the figures for the fourth quarter are only slightly in excess of the first quarter. The robbery and larceny data show rather sharp upward trends during the last 3 months of the year.

The fluctuations in the figures for individual types of crimes may be readily noted in figure 16.

TABLE 103.—*Daily average, offenses known to the police, 93 cities over 100,000 in population, January to December, inclusive, 1937*

[Total population, 37,225,912, as estimated July 1, 1933, by the Bureau of the Census]

Month	Criminal homicide		Rape	Rob- bery	Aggra- vated assault ¹	Bur- glary— break- ing or enter- ing ²	Lar- ceny— theft ³	Auto theft ³
	Murder, nonneg- ligent man- slaughter	Manslaughter by negli- gence ¹						
January	6.2	7.7	8.2	83.7	45.1	310.0	674.5	290.2
February	7.0	7.5	8.7	84.5	42.4	315.4	692.4	258.0
March	7.1	7.0	10.4	78.0	43.3	328.4	694.2	230.9
April	6.1	6.9	10.6	67.9	47.5	296.4	700.8	217.3
May	7.2	5.9	10.3	58.5	51.6	274.3	658.9	202.2
June	6.9	6.1	10.9	61.7	52.7	271.0	652.0	198.0
July	7.2	6.3	9.1	63.9	58.6	277.0	664.0	191.2
August	7.2	6.1	9.3	67.0	59.7	288.7	688.3	199.8
September	7.3	7.0	10.1	67.2	53.9	280.0	692.0	209.0
October	7.8	7.9	12.4	81.9	48.3	279.7	754.9	229.8
November	6.1	8.0	9.4	101.1	44.4	322.3	803.9	226.3
December	7.1	9.3	8.3	116.6	46.1	362.3	794.5	225.0
January to March	6.7	7.4	9.1	82.0	43.6	318.0	690.0	222.9
April to June	6.7	6.3	10.6	62.7	50.6	280.5	670.4	205.8
July to September	7.2	6.5	9.5	66.0	57.5	281.9	681.3	199.9
October to December	7.0	8.4	10.1	99.9	46.3	321.4	784.2	227.0
January to December	6.9	7.1	9.8	77.7	49.5	300.4	706.7	213.9

¹ Daily averages for manslaughter by negligence are based on reports of 90 cities with a total population of 35,374,212.

² Daily averages for aggravated assault are based on reports of 91 cities with a total population of 36,991,812.

³ Daily averages for burglary, larceny, and auto theft are based on reports of 92 cities with a total population of 30,071,612.

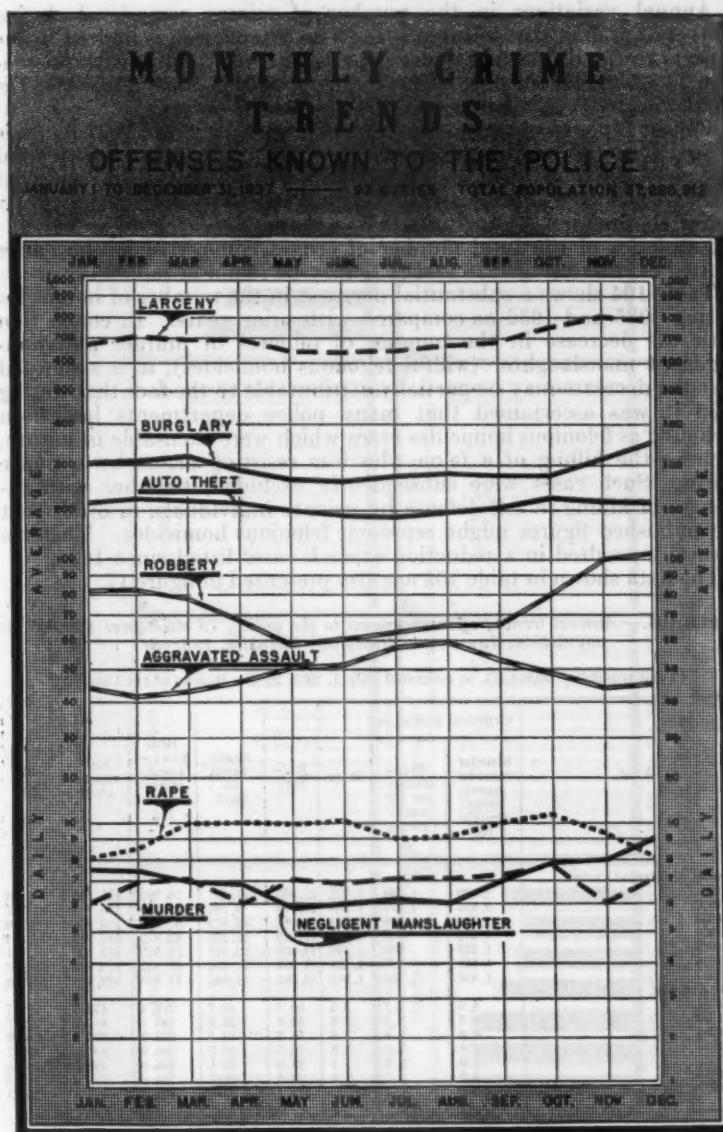


FIGURE 16.

Annual Trends, Offenses Known to the Police, 1931-37.

Annual variations in the number of crimes committed during 1931-37 are indicated in table 104. The compilation is limited to the reports received from the police departments of 73 cities with population in excess of 100,000. The total population area represented is 20,912,712.

For all types of crimes except aggravated assault, the 1937 figure is in excess of the number of crimes reported during 1936. In several instances the amount of increase is quite substantial. For rape and larceny, the 1937 figures are the highest reported during the 7-year period represented.

Estimates of the total number of crimes committed in the entire United States during 1936 and 1937 may be found in table 115.

Table 104 shows a substantial decrease in the number of homicides during 1935 and 1936 as compared with prior years. In connection with the decrease in the number of offenses of murder and non-negligent manslaughter (willful felonious homicides), it is suggested that the decrease may be partially attributable to the fact that during 1935 it was ascertained that many police departments had been including as felonious homicides cases which were excusable in nature, such as the killing of a felon who was resisting arrest by a police officer. Such cases were subsequently excluded, together with instances of killing in self-defense by private individuals, in order that the published figures might represent felonious homicides. This has naturally resulted in a reduction of such cases listed since 1935.

The data shown in table 104 are also presented in figure 17.

TABLE 104.—*Annual trends, offenses known to the police, 73 cities over 100,000 in population, January to December, inclusive, 1931-37*

[Total population 20,912,712, as estimated July 1, 1933, by the Bureau of the Census]

Year	Criminal homicide		Rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary-breaking or entering	Larceny-theft	Auto theft
	Murder, nonnegligent manslaughter	Manslaughter by negligence						
Number of offenses known:								
1931	1,530	1,504	1,273	21,887	11,137	78,983	165,630	95,894
1932	1,537	1,170	1,306	20,784	9,792	84,340	168,782	81,867
1933	1,761	1,398	1,324	19,981	12,079	87,202	180,876	75,398
1934	1,619	935	1,398	16,973	11,205	82,813	181,713	72,144
1935	1,422	930	1,504	14,204	10,731	75,532	179,102	61,881
1936	1,418	995	1,681	13,339	11,598	67,352	170,432	53,662
1937	1,456	1,180	1,910	15,381	11,046	71,936	189,428	54,848
Daily average:								
1931	4.5	4.1	3.5	60.0	30.5	216.4	453.8	262.7
1932	4.5	3.2	3.6	56.8	26.8	230.4	461.2	223.7
1933	4.8	3.8	3.6	54.7	33.1	238.9	495.6	214.8
1934	4.4	2.6	3.8	46.5	30.7	226.9	497.8	197.7
1935	3.9	2.5	4.4	38.9	29.4	206.9	490.7	169.5
1936	3.9	2.7	4.6	36.4	31.7	184.0	465.7	146.6
1937	4.0	3.2	5.2	42.1	30.3	197.1	519.0	150.3

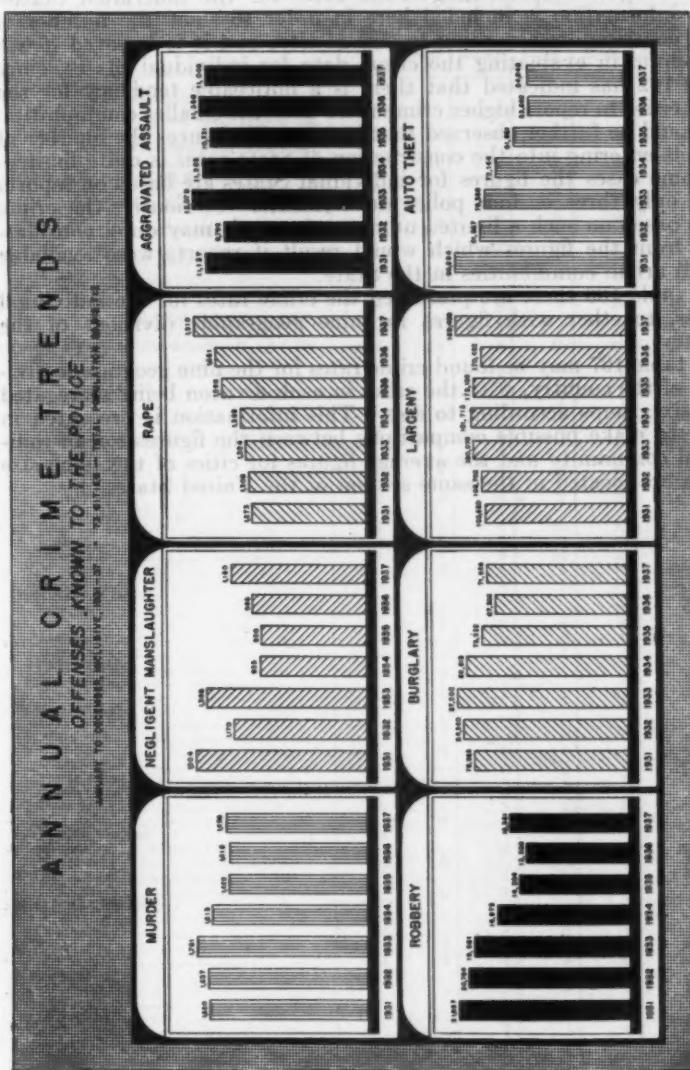


FIGURE 17.

Offenses Known to the Police—Cities Divided According to Location.

In table 105 there is presented information regarding the number of police departments whose reports were employed in the preparation of figures representing crime rates for the individual States. This information is included here in order to show the number of such contributors according to size of city, and it is believed it will be helpful in evaluating the crime data for individual States, since table 102 has indicated that there is a noticeable tendency for the large cities to report higher crime rates than the smaller communities. It should be further observed that in several instances the number of records entering into the construction of State rates is quite limited. In some cases the figures for individual States are based on reports from only three or four police departments. Obviously, the crime rates based on such a limited number of records may differ considerably from the figures which would result if reports were available for all urban communities in the State.

In table 106 there are presented the crime rates for the individual States, together with figures for nine geographic divisions of the country.

In table 107 may be found crime rates for the nine geographic divisions of the country, with the cities in each division being segregated into six groups according to size. This information is presented in order to make possible comparisons between the figures for an individual community and the average figures for cities of the same size which are located in the same section of the United States.

TABLE 105.—Number of cities in each State included in the tabulation of uniform crime reports, January to December, inclusive, 1937

Division and State	Population						
	Over 200,000	100,000 to 250,000	50,000 to 100,000	25,000 to 50,000	10,000 to 25,000	Less than 10,000	Total
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION							
New England: 170 cities; total population, 5,745,533.	2	12	12	26	60	58	170
Middle Atlantic: 456 cities; total population, 18,273,771	6	11	22	25	116	276	456
East North Central: 449 cities; total population, 16,125,525.	9	10	26	51	90	254	449
West North Central: 224 cities; total population, 4,972,010.	4	5	6	11	53	145	224
South Atlantic: ¹ 119 cities; total population, 4,473,447.	3	6	13	16	26	55	119
East South Central: 58 cities; total population, 2,004,588.	3	3	3	5	16	28	58
West South Central: 104 cities; total population, 3,278,928.	3	5	6	9	21	60	104
Mountain: 73 cities; total population, 1,226,546.	1	1	2	6	14	49	73
Pacific: 156 cities; total population, 5,451,939.	5	4	6	13	36	92	156
New England:							
Maine			1	1	6	9	17
New Hampshire			1	2	4	6	13
Vermont				1	1	6	8
Massachusetts	1	8	7	12	35	29	92
Rhode Island	1		2	4	5	4	16
Connecticut			4	1	6	4	24
Middle Atlantic:							
New York	3	4	6	10	44	103	170
New Jersey	1	4	6	8	29	56	104
Pennsylvania	2	3	10	7	43	117	182
East North Central:							
Ohio	5	3	4	15	27	70	124
Indiana	1	4	3	9	12	28	57
Illinois	1	1	8	12	28	71	121
Michigan	1	2	8	7	19	58	95
Wisconsin	1		3	8	13	27	52
West North Central:							
Minnesota	2	1			10	54	67
Iowa		1	2	6	6	29	44
Missouri	2		2	2	9	17	32
North Dakota				1	3	5	9
South Dakota					1	5	3
Nebraska	1		1		6	15	23
Kansas	2	1	1	1	14	22	40
South Atlantic:							
Delaware		1				2	3
Maryland	1			2	3	4	10
Virginia		2	1	5	4	9	21
West Virginia			3	1	3	11	18
North Carolina			4	2	8	9	23
South Carolina			2	2	1	2	7
Georgia	1		3	1	3	4	12
Florida		3		3	4	14	24
East South Central:							
Kentucky	1		1	3	3	10	18
Tennessee	1	3			2	7	13
Alabama	1		1	1	4	9	16
Mississippi			1	1	7	2	11
West South Central:							
Arkansas			1	1		8	10
Louisiana	1		1	2	4	6	14
Oklahoma		2		2	7	26	37
Texas	2	3	4	4	10	30	43
Mountain:							
Montana				2	3	5	10
Idaho					1	8	9
Wyoming					2	3	5
Colorado	1		1	1	4	12	19
New Mexico			1	1	2	4	7
Arizona			1	1		5	7
Utah		1		1	1	9	12
Nevada					1	3	4
Pacific:							
Washington	1	2		2	8	10	23
Oregon	1		2		4	8	14
California	3	2	6	10	24	74	119

¹ Includes District of Columbia.

TABLE 106.—Number of offenses known to the police per 100,000 inhabitants, January to December, inclusive, 1937, by States

Division and State	Murder, nonnegli- gent man- slaughter	Robbery	Aggra- vated as- sault	Burglary— breaking or entering	Lar- ceny— theft	Auto theft
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION						
New England.....	1.3	19.4	12.4	252.6	485.9	185.5
Middle Atlantic.....	3.8	30.9	35.5	181.6	354.9	156.1
East North Central.....	4.6	88.3	37.1	306.4	779.6	175.8
West North Central.....	4.4	49.4	15.2	264.8	808.9	184.4
South Atlantic ¹	17.7	105.6	152.2	512.7	1,199.0	278.2
East South Central.....	22.7	87.3	152.9	468.7	822.1	234.2
West South Central.....	15.2	59.8	79.6	433.6	1,222.9	186.1
Mountain.....	4.7	64.9	22.6	432.0	1,150.5	302.4
Pacific.....	4.2	75.3	28.1	511.5	1,223.0	454.6
New England:						
Maine.....	1.2	11.2	40.8	271.3	475.8	154.1
New Hampshire.....	.9	11.4	7.3	142.2	287.6	68.1
Vermont.....	1.2	10.7		112.7	449.7	103.2
Massachusetts.....	1.3	23.6	11.8	256.9	476.6	208.4
Rhode Island.....	1.6	7.8	9.1	171.1	466.8	93.8
Connecticut.....	1.2	16.4	11.7	317.3	577.4	201.1
Middle Atlantic:						
New York.....	3.7	16.5	33.4	160.3	426.6	138.9
New Jersey.....	3.4	31.7	58.1	276.2	518.4	166.0
Pennsylvania.....	4.2	60.0	29.6	153.1	233.0	163.1
East North Central:						
Ohio.....	5.6	105.5	39.7	366.0	1,008.1	225.2
Indiana.....	5.6	65.1	48.6	343.6	910.0	231.2
Illinois.....	5.0	120.6	36.9	320.5	440.2	103.6
Michigan.....	3.4	58.8	41.9	266.9	1,030.7	217.5
Wisconsin.....	1.5	11.3	6.2	123.9	620.7	135.5
West North Central:						
Minnesota.....	1.6	42.9	10.0	258.7	591.7	232.5
Iowa.....	2.4	27.1	13.5	252.5	834.2	192.0
Missouri.....	7.3	74.6	18.8	266.7	956.5	158.3
North Dakota.....	2.9	43.7	16.2	324.0	581.5	207.1
South Dakota.....		25.2	6.3	186.2	749.3	172.7
Nebraska.....	2.4	28.7	13.9	125.2	425.2	179.4
Kansas.....	6.6	39.6	20.1	388.5	1,128.7	153.9
South Atlantic:						
Delaware.....	8.7	41.5	43.3	337.6	736.6	236.3
Maryland.....	7.4	103.9	7.0	267.8	505.1	282.0
Virginia.....	19.8	79.7	223.7	554.3	1,601.5	250.3
West Virginia.....	9.0	75.9	65.5	294.6	811.0	200.4
North Carolina.....	24.5	71.7	420.2	467.6	877.4	232.5
South Carolina.....	12.5	28.4	106.8	235.1	1,545.9	148.0
Georgia.....	33.6	128.0	108.2	741.2	1,588.1	276.5
Florida.....	22.6	124.1	228.7	828.6	1,588.6	207.6
East South Central:						
Kentucky.....	18.8	102.0	139.6	570.5	1,087.3	320.9
Tennessee.....	23.7	116.6	250.0	456.1	674.8	243.7
Alabama.....	28.3	53.8	114.0	411.9	783.4	173.6
Mississippi.....	17.2	19.2	50.4	347.8	650.8	86.8
West South Central:						
Arkansas.....	17.4	79.8	108.1	423.4	1,124.7	94.6
Louisiana.....	14.8	32.8	89.5	184.1	445.6	115.7
Oklahoma.....	8.1	73.0	56.6	446.4	1,314.9	129.6
Texas.....	17.9	63.9	82.0	531.8	1,114.4	245.3
Mountain:						
Montana.....	5.6	65.4	23.7	231.7	1,287.4	288.8
Idaho.....	1.4	60.9	11.3	343.7	1,209.4	267.3
Wyoming.....	4.9	52.7	6.6	207.6	1,191.4	179.6
Colorado.....	4.9	65.9	22.2	407.5	898.7	204.7
New Mexico.....	9.8	46.3	26.7	501.1	1,711.0	339.7
Arizona.....	7.8	101.8	61.2	586.5	1,447.2	555.4
Utah.....	1.7	57.0	12.1	573.0	1,077.3	365.3
Nevada.....	5.4	67.9	10.9	537.9	2,224.9	638.4
Pacific:						
Washington.....	3.1	68.6	22.7	632.5	1,196.4	342.9
Oregon.....	2.0	94.2	20.6	693.5	1,618.3	323.9
California.....	4.6	74.6	30.0	468.1	1,186.6	490.8

¹ The rates for burglary, larceny, and auto theft are based on the reports of 455 cities with a total population of 11,119,471.

² Includes report of District of Columbia.

³ The rate for aggravated assault is based on the reports of 56 cities with a total population of 1,770,458.

⁴ The rates for burglary, larceny, and auto theft are based on reports of 169 cities.

⁵ The rate for aggravated assault is based on reports of 12 cities.

TABLE 107.—Number of offenses known to the police per 100,000 inhabitants, January to December, inclusive, 1957, by geographic divisions and population groups

Geographic division and population group	Murder, nonnegligent manslaughter	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary— breaking or entering	Larceny— theft	Auto theft
NEW ENGLAND						
Group I	1.7	36.6	20.5	171.2	437.9	306.5
Group II	.7	17.2	13.7	335.0	611.1	242.2
Group III	1.2	17.9	15.0	278.4	502.4	170.4
Group IV	1.3	16.6	6.0	301.3	507.4	139.2
Group V	1.5	13.8	6.6	182.2	387.6	70.8
Group VI	2.4	6.5	9.5	136.4	257.0	52.7
MIDDLE ATLANTIC						
Group I	4.9	30.9	41.7	153.9	1337.3	198.0
Group II	1.4	24.3	34.5	242.7	458.6	186.6
Group III	2.2	34.5	35.1	267.4	426.5	185.7
Group IV	2.0	16.4	21.3	212.8	482.0	149.9
Group V	2.5	15.2	21.3	149.2	301.7	95.9
Group VI	2.6	16.2	15.6	127.3	212.6	55.9
EAST NORTH CENTRAL						
Group I	5.9	128.4	46.8	342.9	875.5	171.4
Group II	3.2	69.4	57.4	321.7	975.0	273.9
Group III	4.4	58.0	27.8	323.7	763.7	207.9
Group IV	2.4	38.4	18.9	274.0	744.3	196.4
Group V	1.7	33.6	11.4	227.0	561.1	136.4
Group VI	2.2	23.6	21.7	174.6	296.1	78.7
WEST NORTH CENTRAL						
Group I	3.7	74.4	17.0	271.5	850.7	213.3
Group II	4.4	48.9	19.7	295.7	910.8	217.3
Group III	3.4	30.0	9.1	367.8	1,144.0	217.0
Group IV	2.4	33.6	20.5	300.8	913.3	178.2
Group V	4.3	27.5	12.9	244.1	703.7	158.5
Group VI	2.4	21.9	9.1	150.7	364.1	84.2
SOUTH ATLANTIC						
Group I	15.5	157.7	57.0	537.0	1,116.7	394.2
Group II	20.7	117.3	244.8	762.8	1,632.5	277.5
Group III	19.5	76.6	181.5	416.1	1,271.0	227.8
Group IV	17.3	46.2	207.4	476.4	1,301.2	194.5
Group V	16.2	43.7	247.6	323.6	872.4	142.2
Group VI	19.4	69.6	100.1	325.3	504.6	136.3
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL						
Group I	19.5	110.9	161.7	582.0	915.8	269.5
Group II	32.5	108.6	266.3	527.5	929.0	234.1
Group III	22.7	42.2	98.6	277.4	635.5	184.1
Group IV	15.7	89.3	159.7	533.4	1,110.6	225.3
Group V	21.4	33.6	88.4	201.2	526.8	89.3
Group VI	26.9	34.2	147.6	234.1	358.8	77.1
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL						
Group I	22.1	65.3	80.4	394.6	1,248.9	347.7
Group II	10.7	84.0	88.3	557.4	1,497.8	208.5
Group III	15.0	43.9	142.1	490.1	1,333.1	158.4
Group IV	9.8	34.7	59.2	263.7	1,063.6	112.7
Group V	14.9	29.7	78.7	358.2	1,033.3	131.6
Group VI	9.5	49.0	51.4	295.2	627.6	80.7
MOUNTAIN						
Group I	6.1	69.9	20.5	451.2	622.4	212.1
Group II	2.1	71.4	12.5	621.4	903.8	402.9
Group III	9.8	121.3	54.8	677.1	1,560.7	552.8
Group IV	8.3	56.8	21.9	449.0	1,733.5	463.0
Group V	1.9	59.9	20.4	296.9	1,554.7	305.7
Group VI	3.6	45.0	20.3	309.1	905.4	130.6
PACIFIC						
Group I	5.2	94.9	34.0	350.7	1,190.2	565.9
Group II	3.7	58.7	27.1	547.3	1,153.7	333.6
Group III	3.5	82.7	24.6	518.2	1,682.4	352.0
Group IV	1.7	44.1	19.9	492.1	1,074.0	317.4
Group V	2.5	34.2	8.9	302.6	1,301.2	338.0
Group VI	3.2	30.9	24.9	377.7	1,114.0	255.8

¹ The rates for burglary, larceny, and auto theft are based on the reports of 5 cities.

² Includes the District of Columbia.

³ The rate for aggravated assault is based on the report of 1 city.

Data for Individual Cities With More Than 25,000 Inhabitants.

The number of offenses reported as having been committed during the calendar year 1937 is shown in table 108. The compilation includes the reports received from police departments in cities with more than 25,000 inhabitants. Such data are included here in order that interested individuals and organizations may have readily available up-to-date information concerning the amount of crime committed in their communities. Police administrators and other interested individuals will probably find it desirable to compare the crime rates of their cities with the average rates shown in tables 102 and 107 of this publication. Similarly, they will doubtless desire to make comparisons with the figures for their communities for prior periods, in order to determine whether there has been an increase or a decrease in the amount of crime committed.

With reference to the possibility of comparing the amount of crime in one city with the amount of reported crime in other individual communities, it is suggested that such comparisons be made with a great deal of caution, because differences in the figures may be due to a great variety of factors. The amount of crime committed in a community is not chargeable to the police but is rather a charge against the entire community. The following is a list of some of the factors which might affect the amount of crime in a community: The composition of the population with reference particularly to age, sex, and race; the economic status and activities of the population; climate; educational, recreational, and religious facilities; the number of police employees per unit of population; the standards governing appointments to the police force; the policies of the prosecuting officials and the courts; the attitude of the public toward law enforcement problems. Comparisons between the crime rates of individual cities should not be made without giving consideration to the above-mentioned factors. It should be noted that it is more important to determine whether the figures for a given community show increases or decreases in the amount of crime committed than to ascertain whether the figures are above or below those of some other community.

In examining a compilation of crime figures for individual communities it should be borne in mind that in view of the fact that the data are compiled by different record departments operating under separate and distinct administrative systems, it is entirely possible that there may be variations in the practices employed in classifying complaints of offenses. On the other hand, the crime reporting manual has been distributed to all contributors of crime reports, and the figures received are included in this bulletin only if they apparently have been compiled in accordance with the provisions of the manual and the individual department has so indicated.

TABLE 108.—Number of offenses known to the police, January to December, inclusive, 1937, cities over 25,000 in population

City	Murder, nonnegligent man- slaughter	Robbery	Aggra- vated assault	Bur- glary- breaking or enter- ing	Larceny—theft		Auto theft
					Over \$50	Under \$50	
Abilene, Tex.	4	3	16	84	20	318	20
Akron, Ohio	9	264	132	1,157	284	1,577	421
Alameda, Calif.	1		7	75	12	242	41
Albany, N. Y.	1	30	37	276	91	660	249
Albuquerque, N. Mex.	4	10		193	32	708	179
Alhambra, Calif.		19		274	25	185	91
Aliquippa, Pa.	7	2	11	60	12	63	31
Allentown, Pa.	1	9	3	183	30	231	236
Alton, Ill.	3	23	10	101	10	144	75
Altoona, Pa.	1	6	3	180	19	176	84
Amsterdam, N. Y.	1	3	2	46	10	86	29
Anderson, Ind.	2	27	21	75	47	92	141
Ann Arbor, Mich.		5	3	59	49	359	60
Arlington, Mass.		3		86	13	58	6
Asheville, N. C.	8	38	358	232	54	433	91
Ashland, Ky.	3	27	10	57	25	109	73
Atlanta, Ga.	115	591	276	3,145	600	4,422	1,069
Atlantic City, N. J.	1	51	91	596	267	1,112	248
Auburn, N. Y.		1	2	33	8	166	32
Augusta, Ga.	11	42	91	286	50	927	91
Aurora, Ill.		16	4	80	35	86	83
Austin, Tex.	11	26	54	770	91	1,733	188
Bakersfield, Calif.	1	23	4	173	71	624	164
Baltimore, Md.	67	941	32	2,247	829	3,146	2,454
Bangor, Me.		2	2	74	27	185	57
Barberton, Ohio		17	1	76	13	61	23
Baton Rouge, La.		11	28	174	35	237	31
Battle Creek, Mich.	3	8	6	127	11	473	182
Bay City, Mich.		5		92	25	410	135
Beaumont, Tex.	13	14	102	183	10	118	59
Belleville, Ill.		9		41	6	9	7
Bellingham, Wash.		2	1	87	16	167	65
Berkeley, Calif.	1	10	12	327	34	1,059	70
Berwyn, Ill.	1	17	1	116	8	77	23
Bethlehem, Pa.	2	77	26	59	34	60	84
Beverly, Mass.			3	34	3	57	24
Binghamton, N. Y.		2	4	105	43	308	158
Birmingham, Ala.	79	164	144	1,511	370	2,343	624
Bloomfield, N. J.		11	1	117	17	150	59
Bloomington, Ill.	2	41	4	182	28	261	146
Boston, Mass.	12	362	180	1,357	894	2,771	2,932
Bridgeport, Conn.		24	1	347	179	609	419
Bristol, Conn.		4		60	15	82	19
Brockton, Mass.		31	2	221	54	373	74
Brookline, Mass.		19	1	304	59	139	202
Brownsville, Tex.	3		1	88	55	55	4
Buffalo, N. Y.	19	147	169	621	371	1,951	908
Burlington, Iowa		2	4	66	5	108	24
Burlington, Vt.		6		69	11	247	50
Butte, Mont.	5	47	15	105	31	375	168
Cambridge, Mass.		40	17	417	101	574	476
Camden, N. J.	3	29	118	153	150	266	150
Canton, Ohio	7	144	66	490	(1)	1,088	203
Cedar Rapids, Iowa		9	7	134	20	496	81
Central Falls, R. I.		7	1	62	8	129	23
Charleston, S. C.		21	21	173	119	1,282	43
Charleston, W. Va.	14	101	52	196	234	781	208
Charlotte, N. C.	37	114	238	715	103	573	334
Chattanooga, Tenn.	36	105	(1)	456	93	1,248	270
Chelesse, Mass.		6	4	285	39	172	84
Chester, Pa.	16	34	22	188	19	124	94
Chicago, Ill.	216	5,615	1,548	12,246	3,213	11,759	2,629
Chicopee, Mass.	2		1	47	15	176	25
Cicero, Ill.	1	49		132	31	130	75
Cincinnati, Ohio	62	631	404	2,503	927	5,827	1,150
Cleveland, Ohio	74	1,063	212	2,601	342	11,212	2,229
Cleveland Heights, Ohio		29	1	119	29	402	52
Clifton, N. J.		17	5	142	24	108	44
Clinton, Iowa		3	1	53	21	109	26
Colorado Springs, Colo.	1	5		126	24	627	65
Columbia, S. C.	6	8	87	9	67	460	25
Columbus, Ga.	16	37	35	226	45	579	134
Columbus, Ohio	16	408	137	2,156	661	3,832	835
Concord, N. H.		1	1	23	6	33	16

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 108.—Number of offenses known to the police, January to December, inclusive, 1937, cities over 25,000 in population—Continued

City	Murder, nonnegli- gent man- slaughter	Robbery	Aggra- vated assault	Bur- glary— breaking or enter- ing	Larceny—theft		Auto theft
					Over \$50	Under \$50	
Council Bluffs, Iowa	1	8	5	94	28	493	101
Covington, Ky.	11	24	15	142	84	359	160
Cranston, R. I.	3	1	39	46	217	19	
Cumberland, Md.	5	1	69	39	214	40	
Dallas, Tex.	82	205	256	1,663	181	6,900	942
Danville, Ill.	1	20	1	143	4	343	62
Danville, Va.	6	23	122	121	41	399	70
Davenport, Iowa	2	19	4	202	30	849	79
Dayton, Ohio	19	144	135	589	124	2,633	581
Dearborn, Mich.	6	29	6	134	62	562	167
Decatur, Ill.	2	35	7	339	39	378	120
Denver, Colo.	18	205	60	1,323	465	1,360	622
Des Moines, Iowa	4	74	18	685	67	1,829	607
Detroit, Mich.	74	1,332	981	4,968	971	19,118	3,675
Dubuque, Iowa	1	1	4	98	30	288	58
Duluth, Minn.	2	28	6	114	177	1,041	262
Durham, N. C.	11	51	80	270	73	486	206
East Chicago, Ind.	11	24	43	105	26	141	52
East Cleveland, Ohio	1	27	1	157	9	262	42
East Orange, N. J.	1	19	7	278	31	196	32
East Providence, R. I.	1	6	6	91	15	178	15
East St. Louis, Ill.	14	165	150	258	85	340	220
Eau Claire, Wis.	2	1	—	54	17	142	47
Elgin, Ill.	4	1	64	10	164	13	
Elizabeth, N. J.	31	41	421	57	584	177	
Elihart, Ind.	10	2	119	29	511	56	
Elmira, N. Y.	17	—	96	17	295	74	
El Paso, Tex.	3	57	54	504	63	1,281	206
Elyria, Ohio	4	5	46	9	107	23	
Enid, Okla.	2	2	3	91	5	225	
Erie, Pa.	3	51	21	299	84	279	307
Evanston, Ill.	2	21	24	199	96	445	75
Evansville, Ind.	8	44	20	267	38	1,120	371
Everett, Mass.	10	3	189	26	227	86	
Everett, Wash.	12	1	124	20	442	106	
Fall River, Mass.	2	17	7	497	33	408	166
Fargo, N. Dak.	17	8	133	45	189	66	
Fitchburg, Mass.	—	1	109	6	258	31	
Flint, Mich.	5	99	191	697	269	2,145	623
Fond du Lac, Wis.	—	1	24	17	100	40	
Fort Smith, Ark.	2	20	7	116	11	320	36
Fort Wayne, Ind.	4	38	13	364	111	1,674	377
Fort Worth, Tex.	29	66	34	1,110	96	2,782	245
Fresno, Calif.	3	98	17	406	137	1,125	421
Gadsden, Ala.	2	18	6	64	62	181	84
Galesburg, Ill.	15	—	104	7	72	52	
Gary, Ind.	15	118	133	381	50	490	195
Glendale, Calif.	2	27	2	331	68	760	219
Grand Rapids, Mich.	1	48	17	687	89	1,867	328
Granite City, Ill.	1	23	4	73	(1)	(1)	69
Great Falls, Mont.	1	12	3	49	21	579	97
Green Bay, Wis.	2	—	2	112	19	238	76
Greensboro, N. C.	13	30	(1)	394	140	286	178
Greenville, S. C.	14	15	62	120	54	567	122
Hackensack, N. J.	1	8	38	81	16	108	37
Hagerstown, Md.	2	7	4	70	24	185	45
Hamilton, Ohio	4	27	3	81	(1)	439	114
Hammond, Ind.	—	28	9	191	39	318	101
Hamtramck, Mich.	5	102	10	301	95	537	198
Harrisburg, Pa.	4	45	46	292	88	471	169
Hartford, Conn.	4	18	55	812	147	1,525	452
Haverhill, Mass.	6	4	242	82	94	80	
Highland Park, Mich.	1	60	9	300	107	315	166
High Point, N. C.	8	23	220	122	41	231	105
Hoboken, N. J.	3	11	10	99	26	40	40
Holyoke, Mass.	13	—	239	51	386	142	
Houston, Tex.	76	363	258	2,007	271	5,035	1,168
Huntington, W. Va.	9	73	119	492	337	820	171
Huntington Park, Calif.	—	16	—	242	31	197	129
Hutchinson, Kan.	4	5	4	79	7	566	80
Indianapolis, Ind.	24	447	317	2,189	946	4,333	1,189
Inglewood, Calif.	8	3	125	15	313	57	
Irvington, N. J.	—	14	5	287	39	260	95
Jackson, Mich.	1	20	17	174	29	554	112
Jackson, Miss.	6	11	24	227	(1)	470	79
Jacksonville, Fla.	33	173	180	1,174	552	2,564	323

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 108.—Number of offenses known to the police, January to December, inclusive, 1937, cities over 25,000 in population—Continued

City	Murder, nonnegligent manslaughter	Robbery	Aggra- vated assault	Bur- glary— breaking or enter- ing	Larceny—theft		Auto theft
					Over \$50	Under \$50	
Johnstown, Pa.		1	2	51	13	54	158
Joliet, Ill.		24	16	100	32	105	101
Joplin, Mo.	2	42	6	279	61	543	116
Kalamazoo, Mich.	2	29	17	319	28	1,094	248
Kansas City, Kans.	11	143	47	775	(1)	898	160
Kansas City, Mo.	42	562	77	1,238	(1)	2,217	607
Kearny, N. J.		4	—	83	31	111	47
Kenosha, Wis.		4	3	37	14	106	56
Kingston, N. Y.		4	2	29	14	95	21
Knoxville, Tenn.	31	54	(1)	602	131	679	215
Kokomo, Ind.		11	7	126	41	524	94
Lackawanna, N. Y.	1	11	15	26	8	108	45
La Crosse, Wis.	1	3	1	57	5	207	40
La Fayette, Ind.		10	—	63	21	321	27
Lakewood, Ohio		41	—	202	30	229	97
Lancaster, Pa.		3	9	150	47	426	81
Lansing, Mich.	1	16	6	232	85	623	220
Lawrence, Mass.	3	6	3	132	61	111	185
Lexington, Ky.	16	61	231	308	94	986	132
Lima, Ohio		25	6	232	63	457	165
Lincoln, Nebr.		12	4	99	36	344	230
Little Rock, Ark.	16	69	119	461	(1)	1,189	82
Long Beach, Calif.	4	97	29	1,276	251	1,921	640
Lorain, Ohio		23	18	130	26	270	92
Los Angeles, Calif.	81	1,414	452	7,301	3,381	11,074	9,233
Louisville, Ky.	51	385	457	2,350	624	3,469	1,273
Lowell, Mass.	1	9	8	264	53	327	170
Lower Merion Township, Pa.		6	—	119	34	36	26
Lynchburg, Va.	8	2	38	72	14	301	64
Lynn, Mass.	1	39	9	476	68	983	183
Macon, Ga.	23	65	133	425	39	705	167
Madison, Wis.	1	13	8	70	46	386	160
Manchester, N. H.		2	6	105	33	266	50
Mansfield, Ohio		24	4	163	47	360	93
Marion, Ohio		14	2	123	35	316	79
Massillon, Ohio	1	24	9	71	17	108	28
Maywood, Ill.		12	8	73	21	95	10
McKeesport, Pa.		58	104	92	78	122	137
Medford, Mass.		19	—	194	25	212	45
Memphis, Tenn.	36	396	768	1,099	97	902	304
Meriden, Conn.	1	4	—	136	22	145	48
Meridian, Miss.	5	12	8	313	27	232	26
Miami, Fla.	39	329	796	1,621	447	1,551	449
Michigan City, Ind.	1	20	76	75	18	91	35
Middletown, Conn.		1	—	34	7	36	20
Middletown, Ohio		29	22	101	26	417	115
Milwaukee, Wis.	9	44	55	482	237	4,154	850
Minneapolis, Minn.	9	284	38	1,560	537	2,305	1,654
Mishawaka, Ind.		6	—	74	4	166	45
Mobile, Ala.	26	45	148	157	35	237	110
Moline, Ill.		15	7	108	30	233	72
Monroe, La.	2	24	6	102	6	287	28
Mount Vernon, N. Y.		1	5	55	16	87	55
Muncie, Ind.	7	8	64	137	48	325	155
Muskegon, Mich.		13	—	128	37	365	101
Muskogee, Okla.	3	31	16	169	22	428	46
Nashua, N. H.	1	3	—	73	9	128	30
Nashville, Tenn.	60	265	416	911	(1)	1,480	810
New Albany, Ind.	2	4	9	41	21	291	43
Newark, N. J.	39	214	587	1,051	40	3,658	1,546
Newark, Ohio	1	7	4	93	14	373	56
New Bedford, Mass.	2	17	19	412	112	988	189
New Britain, Conn.		43	11	325	31	370	158
New Brunswick, N. J.		10	12	117	16	194	82
Newburgh, N. Y.	1	1	2	50	22	120	37
New Castle, Pa.		20	4	104	29	164	183
New Haven, Conn.	1	34	16	857	183	1,156	448
New London, Conn.	1	—	8	48	9	129	23
New Orleans, La.	78	129	344	540	244	604	533
Newport, R. I.	3	47	40	278	21	222	95
Newport News, Va.	8	26	72	245	39	184	69
New Rochelle, N. Y.		4	30	91	26	50	85
Newton, Mass.	3	1	—	159	(1)	234	97
New York City, N. Y.	331	1,276	2,921	3,258	(1)	(1)	7,504
Niagara Falls, N. Y.	2	45	48	321	75	461	242

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 108.—Number of offenses known to the police, January to December, inclusive, 1937, cities over 25,000 in population—Continued

City	Murder, nonnegli- gent man- slaughter	Robbery	Aggra- vated assault	Bur- glary— breaking or enter- ing	Larceny—theft		Auto theft
					Over \$50	Under \$50	
Norfolk, Va.	30	119	166	933	67	1,612	458
Norristown, Pa.	6	17	49	25	36	112	112
North Bergen Township, N. J.	1	4	109	12	117	31	31
Northwood, Ohio	13	5	96	12	178	42	42
Oakland, Calif.	26	207	148	1,634	222	3,626	900
Oak Park, Ill.	2	41	7	304	50	345	51
Ogden, Utah	1	26	10	65	81	853	209
Oklahoma City, Okla.	13	153	196	878	228	3,140	238
Omaha, Nebr.	9	89	55	124	39	543	550
Orlando, Fla.	4	10	65	217	19	187	63
Oshkosh, Wis.	3	1	54	10	118	32	32
Ottumwa, Iowa	15	38	101	21	179	37	37
Parkersburg, W. Va.	5	13	74	(1)	217	31	31
Passadena, Calif.	2	43	15	369	53	1,220	207
Passaic, N. J.	1	35	40	320	48	227	211
Paterson, N. J.	4	41	37	464	217	214	214
Pawtucket, R. I.	5	1	109	62	631	129	129
Peoria, Ill.	4	22	53	204	33	161	274
Petersburg, Va.	5	13	56	126	28	482	14
Philadelphia, Pa.	112	803	836	2,158	828	2,250	2,641
Phoenix, Ariz.	8	78	36	479	194	1,009	459
Pittsburgh, Pa.	40	1,655	109	1,652	784	1,648	2,391
Pittsfield, Mass.	4	3	115	20	199	106	106
Plainfield, N. J.	2	6	15	94	58	106	58
Pontiac, Mich.	3	51	18	283	95	471	247
Port Arthur, Tex.	3	6	42	56	8	61	55
Port Huron, Mich.	1	7	1	65	2	226	50
Portland, Maine	2	10	87	384	(1)	442	227
Portland, Oreg.	6	359	83	2,518	709	4,471	1,061
Portsmouth, Ohio	5	26	27	307	84	612	138
Portsmouth, Va.	9	45	167	315	65	753	69
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	3	9	123	39	335	44	44
Providence, R. I.	6	20	34	428	94	806	275
Pueblo, Colo.	2	46	20	213	25	367	106
Quincy, Mass.	1	10	10	118	29	259	94
Racine, Wis.	2	10	3	105	21	256	144
Reading, Pa.	2	34	37	326	94	568	113
Revere, Mass.	1	29	1	264	42	304	115
Richmond, Ind.	1	17	2	81	19	105	44
Richmond, Va.	38	228	621	1,424	401	3,985	577
Riverside, Calif.	4	6	161	11	281	59	59
Roanoke, Va.	12	28	50	102	100	585	181
Rochester, N. Y.	6	27	38	699	149	1,498	464
Rockford, Ill.	3	35	7	135	70	405	96
Rock Island, Ill.	21	11	136	45	389	108	108
Rome, N. Y.	2	2	44	12	141	44	44
Royal Oak, Mich.	6	45	20	60	60	43	43
Sacramento, Calif.	8	172	60	657	147	2,175	484
Saginaw, Mich.	4	42	66	328	76	1,122	136
St. Joseph, Mo.	5	52	18	452	116	907	147
St. Louis, Mo.	59	485	173	1,603	(1)	10,216	1,454
St. Paul, Minn.	4	156	32	1,035	218	1,509	547
St. Petersburg, Fla.	8	17	24	335	96	1,001	54
Salem, Mass.	11	10	133	49	285	97	97
Salem, Oreg.	1	11	100	13	195	55	55
Salt Lake City, Utah	3	103	18	896	83	1,350	581
San Angelo, Tex.	6	35	39	3	108	21	21
San Antonio, Tex.	32	257	259	1,334	483	2,572	840
San Bernardino, Calif.	1	30	13	132	3	467	144
San Diego, Calif.	7	61	17	395	93	836	519
San Francisco, Calif.	28	442	276	1,943	(1)	8,173	4,237
San Jose, Calif.	27	6	273	29	873	198	198
Santa Ana, Calif.	8	11	117	13	238	93	93
Santa Barbara, Calif.	2	14	7	194	40	601	115
Santa Monica, Calif.	1	39	37	270	30	275	219
Savannah, Ga.	16	19	49	136	91	1,726	115
Schenectady, N. Y.	1	9	13	286	56	99	125
Scranton, Pa.	2	35	49	360	73	442	307
Seattle, Wash.	14	315	57	3,066	451	3,469	1,484
Sharon, Pa.	1	1	41	13	112	47	47
Sheboygan, Wis.	1	2	2	78	9	249	60
Shreveport, La.	11	42	123	258	54	1,034	164
Sioux City, Iowa	3	36	5	226	(1)	(1)	279
Sioux Falls, S. Dak.	10	1	43	27	128	91	91
Somerville, Mass.	21	4	129	42	178	109	109

See footnotes at end of table.

TABLE 108.—Number of offenses known to the police, January to December, inclusive, 1937, cities over 25,000 in population—Continued

City	Murder, nonnegli- gent man- slaughter	Robbery	Aggra- vated assault	Bur- glary— breaking or enter- ing	Larceny—theft		Auto theft
					Over \$50	Under \$50	
South Bend, Ind.	2	44	2	245	85	319	189
Spartanburg, S. C.	5	119	98	129	36	345	88
Spokane, Wash.	3	32	4	768	251	2,032	377
Springfield, Ill.	2	10	24	530	4	851	281
Springfield, Mass.	10	24	388	89	1,077	301	
Springfield, Mo.	18	23	291	85	599	76	
Springfield, Ohio	53	33	334	(1)	731	195	
Stamford, Conn.	7	3	116	56	284	97	
Steubenville, Ohio	28	—	99	6	142	96	
Superior, W. Va.	19	—	84	13	179	74	
Syracuse, N. Y.	20	20	433	108	952	856	
Tacoma, Wash.	41	5	527	62	810	272	
Tampa, Fla.	14	87	379	95	369	79	
Terre Haute, Ind.	4	53	12	151	26	542	94
Toledo, Ohio	20	132	1,268	458	3,439	1,065	
Topka, Kans.	12	4	319	47	827	270	
Trenton, N. J.	63	68	518	147	828	207	
Troy, N. Y.	51	44	111	115	390	184	
Tucson, Ariz.	17	17	100	44	190	150	
Tulsa, Okla.	196	68	1,012	258	2,096	281	
University City, Mo.	17	5	89	35	179	14	
Utica, N. Y.	7	8	155	86	628	227	
Waco, Tex.	13	117	229	45	584	75	
Waltham, Mass.	11	—	140	39	288	98	
Warren, Ohio	14	13	106	21	211	73	
Washington, D. C.	980	600	3,159	1,382	7,408	2,755	
Washington, Pa.	6	6	61	7	114	77	
Waterbury, Conn.	9	2	203	88	292	251	
Waterloo, Iowa	6	—	79	—	320	47	
Watertown, Mass.	17	3	74	5	107	43	
Watertown, N. Y.	2	2	120	40	614	63	
Waukegan, Ill.	9	20	82	64	178	32	
West Allis, Wis.	7	3	38	18	404	43	
West Hartford, Conn.	1	—	55	3	38	15	
West Haven, Conn.	5	—	35	(1)	(1)	8	
West Orange, N. J.	5	1	38	17	47	20	
West Palm Beach, Fla.	13	3	277	150	615	30	
Wheeling, W. Va.	59	9	151	35	192	89	
White Plains, N. Y.	2	17	45	44	78	29	
Wichita, Kans.	15	13	404	48	1,788	125	
Wichita Falls, Tex.	10	52	162	51	867	94	
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	14	10	136	55	175	131	
Wilkinsburg, Pa.	6	18	66	9	107	38	
Wilmington, Del.	46	47	379	135	672	264	
Wilmington, N. C.	7	11	271	130	12	265	83
Winston-Salem, N. C.	22	48	274	438	51	762	164
Woodbridge Township, N. J.	2	7	70	10	116	23	
Woonsocket, R. I.	1	—	95	14	248	67	
Worcester, Mass.	34	55	409	216	247	609	
Wyandotte, Mich.	4	—	50	10	66	15	
Yonkers, N. Y.	11	38	147	14	325	221	
York, Pa.	22	1	61	6	164	118	
Youngstown, Ohio	257	162	531	69	1,116	641	
Zanesville, Ohio	9	3	67	23	103	86	

¹Larcenies not separately reported. Figure listed includes both major and minor larcenies.²Not reported.

Offenses Known to Sheriffs, State Police, and Other Rural Officers, 1937.

In compiling and publishing national crime data, the Federal Bureau of Investigation distinguishes between urban and rural crimes. The figures presented in the preceding tables are based on reports from a large majority of the agencies policing urban areas (places with 2,500 or more inhabitants). Comprehensive data regarding rural crimes are not yet available, but the information on hand is shown in table 109, which is based on reports from 605 sheriffs, 75 police agencies in rural villages, and 7 State police organizations. For comparative purposes, there are presented below percentage distributions of rural and urban crimes (the urban data are based on figures shown in table 102). The percentage figures which follow should be thought of as representing an average group of 100 urban crimes and an average group of 100 rural crimes.

Offense	Percent		Offense	Percent	
	Urban	Rural		Urban	Rural
Total.....	100.0	100.0	Aggravated assault.....	3.2	5.6
Larceny.....	53.9	46.8	Rape.....	.6	2.6
Burglary.....	22.5	28.2	Murder.....	.4	1.5
Auto theft.....	14.9	9.7	Manslaughter.....	.4	1.5
Robbery.....	4.1	4.1			

The preceding comparison reveals that whereas only 4.6 percent of the urban crimes are offenses against the person (murder, manslaughter, rape, and aggravated assault), 11.2 percent of the rural crimes reported fall within those classes. This does not mean that more crimes against the person are committed in rural areas than in urban communities. The figures merely indicate that in an average group of 100 rural crimes there would be a larger number of offenses against the person than in an average group of 100 urban crimes. This may be due to the fact that some of the reports representing rural crimes indicate the possibility that they were limited to instances in which arrests were made. Incompleteness of this sort in the reports of rural crimes will tend to increase the percentage of rural crimes against the person because such offenses are much more generally followed by arrests than are the less serious offenses against property.

The percentage distribution of urban and rural crimes is also shown in figure 18.

TABLE 109.—*Offenses known, January to December, inclusive, 1937, as reported by 605 sheriffs, 7 State police organizations, and 75 village officers*

	Criminal homicide		Rape	Rob- bery	Aggra- vated assault	Bur- glary— breaking or enter- ing	Larceny— theft	Auto theft
	Murder, nonneg- ligent man- slaughter	Man- slaughter by negli- gence						
Offenses known.....	940	941	1,715	2,653	3,617	18,295	30,326	6,307

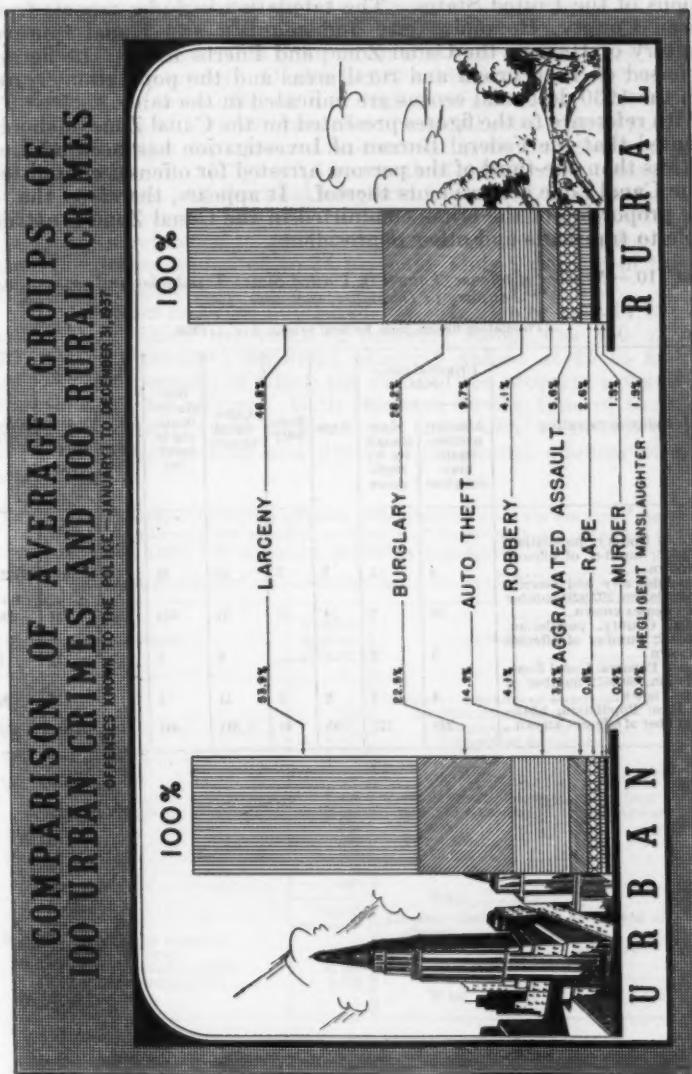


FIGURE 18.

Offenses Known in Territories and Possessions of the United States.

In table 110 there are shown available data concerning the number of offenses known to law-enforcement agencies in Territories and possessions of the United States. The tabulation includes reports from Hawaii County, Honolulu (city and county), and Kauai County, Territory of Hawaii; the Canal Zone; and Puerto Rico. The figures are based on both urban and rural areas and the population figures from the 1930 decennial census are indicated in the table.

With reference to the figures presented for the Canal Zone, it should be noted that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been advised that less than one-third of the persons arrested for offenses committed in the Canal Zone are residents thereof. It appears, therefore, that a large proportion of the crime committed in the Canal Zone is attributable to transients and other nonresidents.

TABLE 110.—*Number of offenses known in United States Territories and possessions, January to December, inclusive, 1937*

[Population figures from Federal census, Apr. 1, 1930]

Jurisdiction reporting	Criminal homicide		Rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary—breaking or entering	Larceny—theft		Auto theft
	Murder, nonnegligent manslaughter	Manslaughter by negligence					Over \$50	Under \$50	
Hawaii:									
Hawaii County, population, 73,325; number of offenses known.....	4	1	5	2	16	91	12	370	23
Honolulu, city and county, population, 202,923; number of offenses known.....	16	7	14	13	31	954	139	1,751	226
Kauai County, population, 35,942; number of offenses known.....	3	2			6	7	2	23	3
Isthmus of Panama: Canal Zone, population, 39,367; number of offenses known.....	4	3	2	6	11	78	14	229	29
Puerto Rico: Population, 1,543,913; number of offenses known.....	245	127	82	40	1,844	941	114	3,691	51

Data From Supplementary Offense Reports.

In tables 111-114 there are presented the more detailed data compiled from supplementary offense reports received from the police departments of 139 cities with an aggregate population of 16,018,429. The period covered is the calendar year 1937.

Table 111 reveals that more than one-half of the rapes reported were forcible in nature. Of the 12,717 robberies reported, 7,438 (58.5 percent) were committed on city highways and 3,783 (29.7 percent) were robberies of various types of commercial establishments.

The 139 police departments represented in the tabulation reported 54,936 burglaries, 25,700 (46.8 percent) of which were committed in dwelling houses. Of the total burglaries reported, 79 percent (43,473) were committed at night and 21 percent were committed during the day. With reference to residences, however, the proportion of daytime burglaries amounted to 34 percent. Only 9 percent of the non-residence burglaries were committed during the daytime.

The larcenies reported numbered 123,552. There were 14,234 (11.5 percent) in which the value of property stolen was \$50 or more; 79,146 (64.1 percent) involving property valued at \$5 to \$50; and 30,172 (24.4 percent) in which the value of the property involved was less than \$5 per offense. With reference to the type of theft committed, the compilation discloses that there were 1,843 (1.5 percent) cases of pocket-picking and 3,860 (3.1 percent) offenses of purse-snatching.

TABLE 111.—Number of known offenses with divisions as to the nature of the criminal act, time and place of commission, and value of property stolen, January to December, inclusive, 1937; 139 cities over 25,000 in population

[Total population, 16,018,429, as estimated July 1, 1933, by the Bureau of the Census]

Classification	Number of actual offenses	Classification	Number of actual offenses
Rape:		Burglary—breaking or entering—Con.	
Forcible.....	653	All other (store, office, etc.):	
Statutory.....	537	Committed during night.....	26,562
Total.....	1,190	Committed during day.....	2,674
		Total.....	54,936
Robbery:		Larceny—theft (except auto theft) (grouped according to value of article stolen):	
Highway.....	7,438	Over \$50.....	14,234
Commercial house.....	2,647	\$5 to \$50.....	79,146
Oil station.....	305	Under \$5.....	30,172
Chain store.....	226		
Residence.....	607	Total.....	123,552
Bank.....	15	Larceny—theft (grouped as to type of offense):	
Miscellaneous.....	889	Pocket-picking.....	1,843
Total.....	12,717	Purse-snatching.....	3,860
Burglary—breaking or entering:		All other.....	117,849
Residence (dwelling):		Total.....	123,552
Committed during night.....	16,911		
Committed during day.....	8,789		

The police departments of 139 cities reported thefts of 31,382 automobiles during the calendar year 1937. Table 112 indicates that 29,576 (94.2 percent) of the automobiles were recovered.

TABLE 112.—*Recoveries of stolen automobiles, January to December, inclusive, 1937; 139 cities over 25,000 in population*

[Total population, 16,018,429, as estimated July 1, 1933, by the Bureau of the Census]

Number of automobiles stolen	31,382
Number of automobiles recovered.....	29,576
Percentage recovered.....	94.2

The value of property stolen in connection with offenses of robbery, burglary, larceny, and auto theft is shown in table 113 as amounting to \$19,225,820.51. Recoveries totaled \$12,426,895.00, which is 65 percent of the amount stolen. More than one-half of the value of stolen property consisted of automobiles. Exclusive of automobiles, the value of stolen property was \$7,879,577.55 and the value of recovered property was \$1,754,491.78 (22.3 percent).

The data presented in table 113 are also shown in figure 19.

TABLE 113.—*Value of property stolen and value of property recovered with divisions as to type of property involved, January to December, inclusive, 1937; 139 cities over 25,000 in population*

[Total population, 16,018,429, as estimated July 1, 1933, by the Bureau of the Census]

Type of property	Value of property stolen	Value of property recovered	Percent recovered
Currency, notes, etc.....	\$2,235,115.07	\$357,070.12	16.0
Jewelry and precious metals.....	1,722,472.91	378,059.66	21.9
Furs.....	302,140.54	41,787.85	13.8
Clothing.....	978,009.49	100,037.86	19.4
Locally stolen automobiles.....	11,346,242.96	10,672,403.22	94.1
Miscellaneous.....	2,641,749.54	787,536.29	29.8
Total.....	19,225,820.51	12,426,895.00	65.6

VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN AND RECOVERED		RECOVERED	
STOLEN			
CURRENCY, NOTES, ETC.	(Each symbol represents \$100,000)		
			16.0%
	TOTAL VALUE \$ 2,235,116.07	TOTAL VALUE \$ 357,070.12	
			21.9%
	TOTAL VALUE \$ 1,722,472.91	TOTAL VALUE \$ 378,089.68	
			13.8%
	TOTAL VALUE \$ 305,340.54	TOTAL VALUE \$ 41,787.85	
			19.4%
	TOTAL VALUE \$ 976,058.49	TOTAL VALUE \$ 180,037.86	
			29.8%
	TOTAL VALUE \$ 2,641,749.54	TOTAL VALUE \$ 787,938.19	

(AUTOMOBILE S. NOT INCLUDED
IN THIS STATEMENT)
JULY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1937

FIGURE 19.

The value of property stolen in connection with offenses of robbery, burglary, larceny, and auto theft is shown for individual types of crimes in table 114. It should be noted that this compilation is based on reports of 138 police departments, whereas tables 111-113 were based on reports from 139 police departments.

Exclusive of auto thefts, the average value of property stolen per offense is lowest for larceny and highest for robbery. Because of the nature of the property involved, the average value per offense of auto theft is considerably higher than for the preceding types of crimes. In this connection it should be noted that 94 percent of the stolen automobiles are recovered, whereas only 22 percent of other types of property stolen are shown in table 113 as recovered.

With reference to table 114, it should be noted that the figures representing the number of actual offenses include attempted crimes in which no thefts occurred and for which no property values are shown. This naturally has the effect of reducing the average property loss per offense.

The data presented in table 114 are also portrayed in figure 20.

TABLE 114.—*Value of property stolen, by type of crime, January to December, inclusive, 1937; 138 cities over 25,000 in population*

[Total population, 15,937,029, as estimated July 1, 1933, by the Bureau of the Census]

Classification	Number of actual offenses	Value of property stolen	Average value per offense
Robbery.....	12,659	\$1,131,184.23	\$89.36
Burglary.....	54,483	3,224,792.47	59.19
Larceny—theft.....	122,530	3,508,189.91	29.37
Auto theft.....	31,235	10,412,909.96	333.38
Total.....	220,907	18,367,166.57	83.14

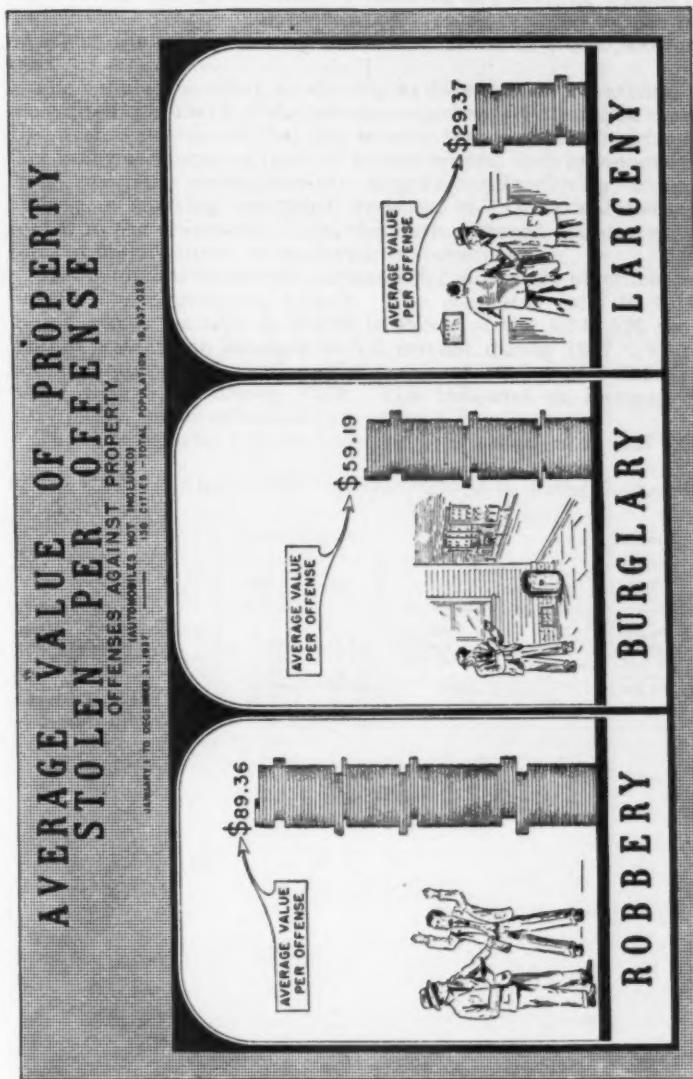


FIGURE 20.



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Estimated Number of Major Crimes in the United States, 1936-37.

Based on monthly reports received from law enforcement agencies during 1936 and 1937, there have been prepared estimates of the total number of serious crimes committed in the entire United States during those years. The population area represented by the reports on which the estimates were based is in excess of 60,000,000 for each year.

The tabulation refers to the crimes listed as major crimes. It is recognized that many of the larcenies reported were minor in character. However, it is believed that this is more than compensated for by the fact that miscellaneous types of serious crimes, such as embezzlement, fraud, receiving stolen property, forgery, counterfeiting, arson, drug violations, carrying concealed weapons, etc., have not been represented in the estimates. It is, therefore, believed that the estimated total of major crimes for each year is conservative.

The compilation reveals increases for all types of crimes except murder and aggravated assault. The estimated total of 1,415,816 major crimes for 1937 is 82,290 in excess of the 1,333,526 for 1936. This represents an increase of 6.2 percent during 1937. The daily average number of serious crimes during 1936 was 3,644 as compared with 3,879 during 1937. This indicates an increase during 1937 of 235 major crimes daily.

The data in table 115 are also presented in figures 21 and 22.

TABLE 115.—*Estimated number of major crimes in the United States, 1936-37*

Offense	Number of offenses		Offense	Number of offenses	
	1936	1937		1936	1937
Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter	7,894	7,859	Burglary	278,823	292,870
Manslaughter by negligence	5,345	5,703	Larceny	716,674	780,031
Rape	7,581	8,518	Auto theft	213,712	215,569
Robbery	55,660	66,786	Total	1,333,526	1,415,816
Aggravated assault	47,534	45,478			



FIGURE 21.

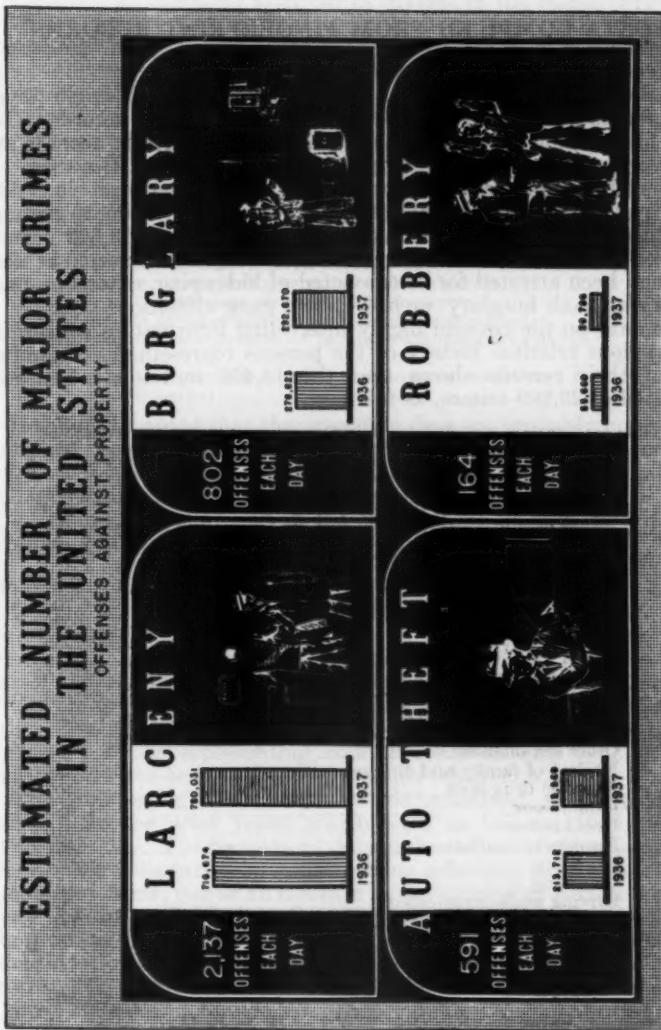


FIGURE 22.

DATA COMPILED FROM FINGERPRINT RECORDS

Criminal History of Persons in Single Fingerprint File.

In February 1933, the F B I established a so-called single fingerprint file as an adjunct to its main file of fingerprint records. The main file contains more than 8 million sets of fingerprint records and the average rate of increase is more than 5,000 daily. However, the number of individuals represented in the single fingerprint file is definitely restricted due to certain technical reasons pertaining to criminal investigations. As of December 31, 1937, there were 13,602 persons represented in the single fingerprint file. They were selected because they had been arrested for or convicted of kidnaping, extortion, bank robbery or bank burglary, or had known gang affiliations.

The data on file contain highly interesting information concerning the previous criminal history of the persons represented. Examination of their records shows that the 13,602 individuals had been convicted of 23,869 crimes, as follows:

Offense:	Number of convictions
Criminal homicide	418
Rape	145
Robbery	4, 871
Aggravated assault	219
Minor assault	457
Burglary	2, 451
Larceny	3, 325
Auto theft	894
Kidnaping	704
Blackmail	128
Extortion	939
Forgery and counterfeiting	640
Embezzlement and fraud	650
Receiving stolen property	192
Carrying concealed weapons	500
Prostitution and commercialized vice	144
Other sex offenses	101
Neglect of family and children	55
Narcotic drug laws	407
Liquor laws	1, 083
Drunkenness	616
Disorderly conduct	851
Vagrancy	1, 044
Gambling	151
Driving while intoxicated	68
Other traffic violations	506
Miscellaneous	1, 437
Not stated	873
Total	23, 869

The records show further that 2,802 of the criminals were recipients of paroles on various occasions during their careers of lawlessness. In 1,014 cases they were thereafter arrested before the expiration of the parole period. In other words, 36.2 percent of the paroles extended to these major criminals were violated by the recipients. In

addition, there were 1,126 persons who apparently lived within the law during the parole period but who were arrested subsequent to the expiration of the parole. This means that 76.4 percent of the 2,802 major criminals who were given paroles were subsequently arrested either while on parole or after the expiration of the parole period.

With reference to the 1,014 individuals arrested while on parole, the records indicate that two-thirds of them were charged with murder, rape, robbery, kidnaping, and other felonies.

For convenient reference there is set out a summary of the data pertaining to the criminal histories of the persons represented in the single fingerprint file.

1. Number of persons represented in the single fingerprint file (Dec. 31, 1937)	13, 602
2. Number who had received pardons, paroles, probationary or suspended sentences	4, 079
3. Percent who received pardons, paroles, etc	30. 0
4. Number who had received paroles	2, 802
5. Number subsequently arrested while on parole	1, 014
6. Percent of parolees arrested while on parole	36. 2
7. Number arrested after expiration of parole period	1, 126
8. Total parolees arrested on parole or subsequent to parole period	2, 140
9. Percent of parolees arrested on parole or subsequent to parole period	76. 4

It should be noted that the preceding data are probably not entirely complete, because full information concerning the previous criminal activities of the persons represented are probably not on file. The amount of information on file in the fingerprint division of the F B I is, of course, dependent upon the contribution of data pertaining to criminal activities by local officials.

Fingerprint arrest records for 1937.

During the calendar year 1937 the F B I examined 520,153 arrest records as evidenced by fingerprint cards, in order to obtain data concerning the age, sex, race, and previous criminal histories of the persons represented. The compilation has been limited to instances of arrests for violations of State laws and municipal ordinances. In other words, fingerprint cards representing arrests for violations of Federal laws or representing commitments to any type of penal institution have been excluded from this tabulation.

The number of fingerprint records examined was considerably larger than for prior years, which were as follows: 1936, 461,589; 1935, 392,251. The increase in the number of arrest records examined should not necessarily be construed as reflecting an increase in the amount of crime, nor as an increase in the number of persons arrested, since it quite probably is at least partially the result of an increase in the number of local agencies contributing fingerprint records to the Identification Division of the F B I. The number of police departments, peace officers, and law enforcement agencies throughout the United States and foreign countries voluntarily contributing fingerprints to the F B I as of December 31, 1937, was 10,674. Comparable figures for prior years are as follows: 1936, 10,229; 1935, 9,085. The tabulation of data from fingerprint cards obviously does not include all persons arrested, since there are individuals taken into custody for whom no fingerprint cards are forwarded to Washington.

Furthermore, data pertaining to persons arrested should not be treated as information regarding the number of offenses committed, since two or more persons may be involved in the joint commission of a single offense, and on the other hand one person may be arrested and charged with the commission of several separate crimes.

More than 29 percent of the arrest records examined during 1937 represented persons taken into custody for murder, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny, and auto theft. Arrests for major violations are reflected by the following figures:

Criminal homicide	6,945
Robbery	13,779
Assault	29,669
Burglary	32,438
Larceny (except auto theft)	59,281
Auto theft	13,274
Embezzlement and fraud	15,846
Stolen property (receiving, etc.)	3,466
Forgery and counterfeiting	7,382
Rape	5,931
Narcotic drug laws	3,996
Weapons (carrying, etc.)	6,168
Driving while intoxicated	22,385
Gambling	7,176
Arson	839
Total	228,575

Sex.—Of the 520,153 arrest records examined, 484,177 (93.1 percent) represented men and 35,976 (6.9 percent) represented women. For all types of crimes except commercialized vice the number of men arrested was larger than the number of women. However, a comparison of the figures representing an average group of 100 men arrested with those for an average group of 100 women arrested indicates that there were more women than men charged with murder, assault, and the use of narcotic drugs. Also, the same type of comparison indicates a somewhat larger ratio of arrests of women for larceny, but for other types of crimes against property, such as robbery, burglary, and auto theft, men predominate. The comparison further reveals that 13 of each 1,000 women arrested and fingerprinted were charged with driving while intoxicated, whereas 43 of each 1,000 men arrested were charged with that type of violation. Data for individual types of crimes may be found in the following table.

As mentioned in the preceding paragraph, 6.9 percent of the arrest records examined during 1937 represented women. This is a decrease as compared with 1936 (7.3 percent), but the 1937 figure is the same as the proportion of women arrested during 1934 and 1935.

TABLE 116.—*Distribution of arrests by sex, Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1937*

Offense charged	Number			Percent		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Criminal homicide.....	6,945	6,289	656	1.3	1.3	1.8
Robbery.....	13,779	13,216	563	2.6	2.7	1.6
Assault.....	26,569	27,344	2,835	5.7	5.6	7.0
Burglary—breaking or entering.....	32,438	31,915	523	6.2	6.6	1.5
Larceny—theft.....	59,261	54,946	4,335	11.4	11.4	12.0
Auto theft.....	13,274	13,082	192	2.5	2.7	0.5
Embezzlement and fraud.....	15,846	15,169	677	3.0	3.1	1.9
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.....	3,466	3,223	243	0.7	0.7	0.6
Arson.....	539	771	68	0.2	0.2	0.2
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	7,382	6,939	443	1.4	1.4	1.2
Rape.....	5,049	5,031	18	1.1	1.2	0.0
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	5,711	4,472	4,239	1.1	0.3	11.8
Other sex offenses.....	5,986	7,683	1,303	1.7	1.6	3.6
Narcotic drug laws.....	3,996	3,087	909	0.8	0.6	2.5
Weapons, carrying, possessing, etc.....	6,168	5,967	201	1.2	1.2	0.6
Offenses against family and children.....	6,277	6,42	135	1.2	1.3	0.4
Liquor laws.....	8,688	7,453	1,185	1.7	1.6	3.3
Driving while intoxicated.....	22,385	21,930	455	4.3	4.5	1.3
Road and driving laws.....	4,048	3,990	58	0.8	0.8	0.2
Parking violations.....	30	30	—	(1)	(1)	—
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws.....	6,647	6,534	113	1.3	1.4	0.3
Disorderly conduct.....	23,073	20,337	2,736	4.4	4.2	7.6
Drunkenness.....	85,077	80,791	4,286	16.4	16.7	11.9
Vagrancy.....	45,044	42,182	2,862	8.7	8.7	8.0
Gambling.....	7,176	6,735	441	1.4	1.4	1.2
Suspicion.....	59,056	54,395	4,661	11.4	11.2	13.0
Not stated.....	6,007	5,612	395	1.2	1.2	1.1
All other offenses.....	32,954	31,183	1,771	6.3	6.4	4.9
Total.....	520,153	494,177	35,976	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹ Less than one-tenth of 1 percent.

Age.—From 1932 to the middle of 1935 age 19 was the group in which the largest number of arrests occurred. Since the middle of 1935 there have been more arrests of persons age 21 and 22 than for any other groups. During 1937 there were more arrests for age 22 than for any other single age group. In this respect the record for 1937 is the same as the record for 1936. The groups for which the largest number of arrests occurred during 1937 are as follows:

Age:	Number of arrests
22.....	22,875
21.....	22,244
23.....	21,930
19.....	21,642

The compilation for 1936 reflected that 17.4 percent of the persons arrested were less than 21 years old, but during 1937 the proportion was 18.0 percent. In addition to the 93,853 persons less than 21 years old arrested during 1937, there were 87,309 (16.8 percent) between the ages of 21 and 24, making a total of 181,162 (34.8 percent) less than 25 years old. Persons arrested who were between the ages of 25 and 29 numbered 87,410 (16.8 percent). This makes a total of 268,572 (51.6 percent) less than 30 years old. (With reference to the ages of persons represented by fingerprint cards received at the F B I, it should be borne in mind that the number of arrest records is doubtless incomplete in the lower age groups, because in some jurisdictions the practice is not to fingerprint youthful individuals.)

The number of arrests for ages 16–24 is shown in figure 23.

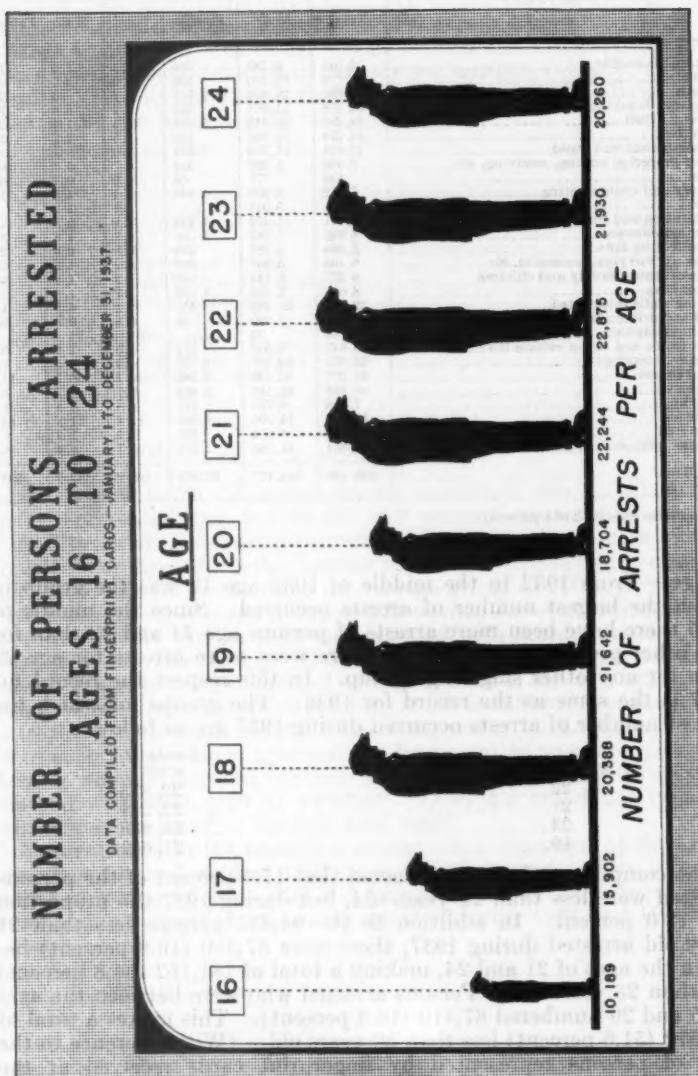


FIGURE 23.

TABLE 117.—Arrests by age groups, male and female, Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1937

Offense charged	Age												Total, all ages					
	Not known	Under 16	16	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 and over	
Criminal homicide.....	9	18	22	57	115	187	261	242	274	317	297	304	1,384	1,044	831	558	407	
Robbery.....	23	34	82	366	614	870	1,020	896	943	837	791	2,748	1,476	1,631	486	212	182	
Assault.....	44	63	311	281	469	824	1,110	1,202	1,701	1,544	1,311	6,618	3,657	1,905	2,535	13,779	6,945	
Burglary—breaking or entering.....	62	89	713	2,196	2,810	2,730	2,489	1,884	1,702	1,544	1,297	4,640	3,063	2,070	1,159	5,875	28,060	
Larceny—thief.....	88	1,076	765	2,442	3,462	3,728	3,616	2,854	2,869	2,679	2,474	2,263	9,000	6,780	5,534	3,720	4,580	
Auto theft.....	14	195	370	1	443	1,475	1,652	1,316	921	880	753	6,538	4,653	3,475	2,379	1,294	8,261	
Embezzlement and fraud.....	20	6	16	51	103	246	340	584	621	624	596	2,748	2,470	2,460	1,877	1,200	1,536	
Stolen property; buying, reselling, etc.....	1	2	3	7	20	75	111	147	150	118	130	145	122	552	444	407	394	
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	6	12	22	90	183	234	301	289	260	244	20	31	120	91	116	86	3,466	
Rape.....	5	12	22	91	212	341	358	391	372	381	327	275	1,317	1,079	982	713	810	
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	6	1	4	16	49	104	165	202	262	406	429	330	1,454	891	660	331	210	
Other sex offenses.....	19	16	21	129	188	275	313	283	363	374	340	3,373	1,480	1,165	1,080	750	1,211	
Narcotic drug laws.....	4	1	3	15	31	83	74	104	116	140	153	1,172	865	630	630	463	3,966	
Weapons; carrying, etc.....	11	14	12	100	190	244	250	283	306	298	306	2,322	1,173	790	731	404	287	
Offenses against family and children.....	5	11	1	6	14	31	75	111	160	229	256	230	1,249	1,175	1,162	764	442	
Liquor laws.....	13	11	17	36	148	166	177	237	289	321	321	1,517	1,320	1,320	960	1,094	1,211	
Driving while intoxicated.....	20	4	6	23	55	168	311	348	627	773	793	820	4,190	3,580	3,531	2,708	1,843	2,256
Road and driving laws.....	4	2	5	27	68	165	235	291	302	278	249	2,394	1,813	1,545	1,383	2,256	1,163	
Parking violations.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	2	1	1	1	4	6	8	2	1	2	
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws.....	9	11	13	58	153	288	330	344	416	431	413	1,070	1,038	1,038	638	882	2,277	
Disorderly conduct.....	23	62	87	231	481	847	790	847	791	1,917	1,917	1,216	1,105	1,035	804	1,869	6,647	
Drunkenness.....	138	84	100	557	1,080	1,750	2,052	1,601	1,601	2,305	2,305	2,282	1,453	1,040	1,040	1,040	23,077	
Vagrancy.....	63	10	4	7	35	75	160	118	118	178	178	1,901	1,843	6,819	5,819	3,069	4,044	
Gambling.....	10	328	513	1,061	1,943	2,743	2,866	2,586	2,796	2,984	2,750	2,544	1,297	1,297	1,297	1,297	7,176	
Suspicion.....	24	49	48	147	176	221	235	248	248	255	255	1,004	7,925	6,911	5,762	3,961	58,036	
Not stated.....	34	451	430	987	1,413	1,756	1,721	1,471	1,680	1,680	1,459	1,232	5,341	3,845	2,386	1,573	32,964	
All other offenses.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
Total.....	748	3,614	3,414	10,180	15,902	20,388	21,642	18,704	22,244	22,575	21,930	20,260	47,410	76,688	62,012	43,328	44,959	

Youths less than 21 years old were frequently charged with offenses against property, particularly robbery, burglary, larceny, and auto theft. This is clearly indicated by the following tabulation:

Percentage distribution of arrests by age groups

Age group	All of-fenses	Criminal homicide	Robbery	Burglary	Larceny	Auto theft
Under 21.....	18.0	13.0	28.2	42.1	30.3	51.8
21-29.....	33.6	37.1	45.6	35.9	32.5	33.8
30-39.....	25.4	27.0	19.6	15.8	21.1	10.5
40-49.....	14.2	13.9	5.1	5.8	10.4	3.0
50 and over.....	8.6	8.9	1.3	2.2	5.6	.8
Unknown.....	.2	.1	.2	.2	.1	.1
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

NOTE.—The data in the preceding compilation are also shown in fig. 24.

The predominance of youthful persons among those charged with offenses against property is further indicated by the fact that during 1937 there were 146,305 persons of all ages arrested for crimes against property (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement and fraud, forgery and counterfeiting, receiving stolen property, and arson), and that 45,303 (31.0 percent) of them were less than 21 years old. During 1936 28.5 percent of the total crimes against property were committed by persons under 21 years of age. This indicates an increase in the proportion of such crimes committed by youths.

Further indication of the large part played by youthful persons in the commission of crimes against property is seen in the figures showing that 34.8 percent of all persons arrested were less than 25 years of age. However, persons less than 25 years old numbered 53.9 percent of those charged with robbery, 61.6 percent of those charged with burglary, 47.6 percent of those charged with larceny, and 73 percent of those charged with auto theft. One-half of all persons arrested for crimes against property during 1937 were under 25 years of age.

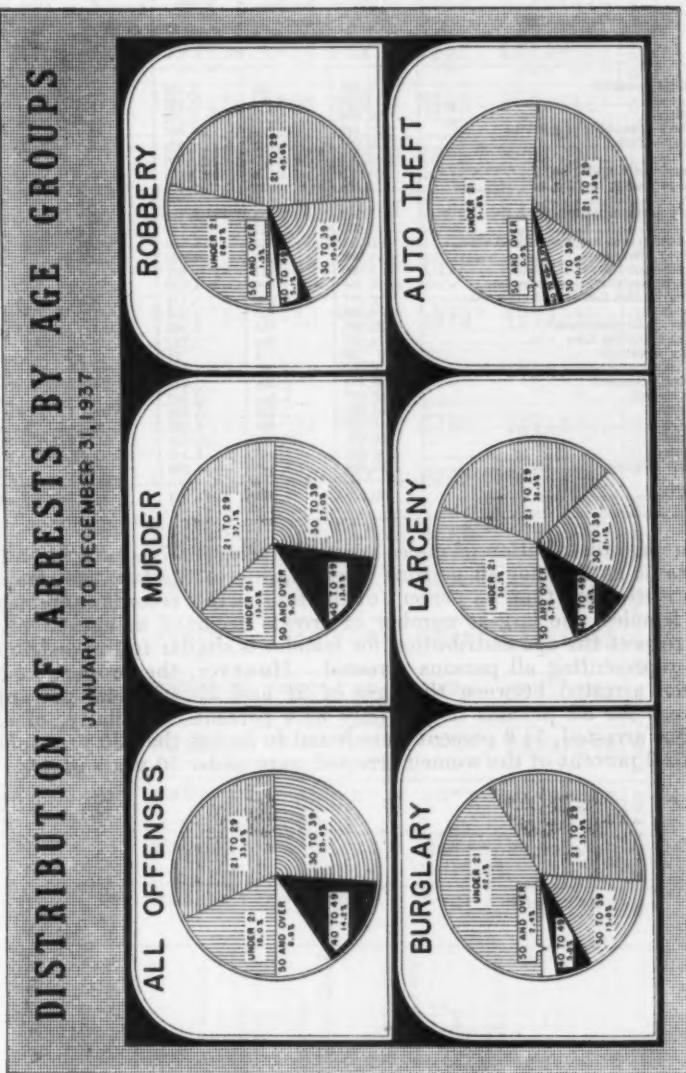


FIGURE 24.

TABLE 118.—*Number and percentage of arrests of persons under 25 years of age, male and female, Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1937*

Offense charged	Total number of persons arrested	Number under 21 years of age	Total number under 25 years of age	Percentage under 21 years of age	Total percentage under 25 years of age
Criminal homicide.....	6,945	902	2,094	13.0	30.2
Robbery.....	13,779	3,884	7,421	28.2	55.9
Assault.....	29,669	3,256	8,162	11.0	27.5
Burglary—breaking or entering.....	32,438	13,661	16,995	42.1	61.6
Larceny—theft.....	59,281	17,943	28,228	30.3	47.6
Auto theft.....	13,274	6,872	9,086	51.8	75.0
Embezzlement and fraud.....	15,846	1,054	3,479	6.7	22.0
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.....	3,466	635	1,174	18.3	35.9
Arsenal.....	839	121	225	14.4	26.8
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	7,382	1,133	2,342	15.3	31.7
Rape.....	5,031	1,427	2,782	24.1	46.9
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	5,711	541	1,956	9.5	34.2
Other sex offenses.....	8,986	1,225	2,675	13.6	28.8
Narcotic drug laws.....	3,986	311	892	7.8	22.3
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.....	6,168	1,090	2,229	17.7	36.1
Offenses against family and children.....	6,277	238	1,122	3.8	17.9
Liquor laws.....	8,668	625	1,793	7.2	20.7
Driving while intoxicated.....	22,385	955	3,968	4.3	17.7
Road and driving laws.....	4,048	704	1,737	17.4	42.9
Parking violations.....	30	4	11	13.3	36.7
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws.....	6,647	1,206	2,798	18.1	42.1
Disorderly conduct.....	23,073	3,305	7,445	14.3	32.3
Drunkenness.....	85,077	3,659	12,267	4.3	14.4
Vagrancy.....	45,044	7,239	15,830	16.1	35.1
Gambling.....	7,176	466	1,337	6.5	18.6
Suspicion.....	59,056	12,030	23,105	20.4	39.1
Not stated.....	6,007	1,049	2,110	17.5	35.1
All other offenses.....	32,954	8,318	14,209	25.2	43.4
Total.....	520,153	93,853	181,162	18.0	34.8

The age distribution of males arrested during 1937 is substantially the same as that for all persons arrested, due to the fact that males constitute more than 93 percent of the total arrest records examined. For females, the largest number of arrests occurred at age 22. In this respect the age distribution for females is similar to the distribution representing all persons arrested. However, the proportion of women arrested between the ages of 21 and 29 was 44.3 percent, whereas for all persons it was only 33.6 percent. Similarly, of all persons arrested, 51.6 percent were found to be less than 30 years old, but 62.3 percent of the women arrested were under 30 years of age.

TABLE 119.—Arrests by age groups, male, Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1937

Offense charged	Age												Total all ages						
	Not Under known	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49			
Criminal homicide.....	7	13	20	49	109	161	238	200	242	284	263	282	1,234	940	726	516	378	6,260	
Robbery.....	23	33	82	241	603	841	984	860	634	906	790	746	2,605	1,605	986	470	205	13,216	
Assault.....	30	42	132	282	415	692	717	788	1,011	1,061	1,138	1,272	4,542	3,642	1,794	2,462	27	134	
Burglary—breaking or entering.....	62	83	182	283	2,182	2,772	2,690	2,457	1,862	1,761	1,601	1,405	1,272	4,551	3,045	2,028	1,177	600	6,260
Larceny—thief.....	83	1,032	735	2,319	3,489	3,376	2,677	2,667	2,472	2,395	2,395	2,395	1,940	5,133	4,647	3,631	2,462	2,462	
Auto theft.....	13	183	367	1,636	1,455	1,537	1,207	964	864	844	844	844	844	5,296	5,296	5,296	3,300	3,126	
Embezzlement and fraud— larc., etc.....	19	6	16	48	90	229	271	319	549	591	680	565	623	3,065	3,863	1,821	1,224	1,481	1,481
Arson.....	1	14	2	6	17	74	107	140	143	133	122	131	108	483	371	276	212	365	3,232
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	5	7	12	25	80	163	200	283	272	278	313	275	1,086	1,018	927	695	439	6,190	
Rape.....	5	12	22	91	212	341	348	361	372	381	327	275	1,066	635	454	250	211	6,190	
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	2	15	13	17	94	145	187	245	231	276	281	304	54	48	305	274	256	1,472	
Other sex offenses.....	2	15	13	1	3	14	38	47	65	66	79	92	101	101	101	988	988	578	1,194
Narcotic drug laws.....	11	13	11	100	197	235	280	277	290	292	240	1,119	765	722	494	278	420	5,967	
Weapons—carrying, etc.....	5	11	1	1	5	10	37	60	161	217	250	217	1,238	1,168	1,065	758	441	414	
Offenses against family and chil- dren.....	9	11	16	32	61	132	141	154	223	235	258	258	1,232	1,061	846	610	1,016	2,462	
Liquor laws.....	20	4	2	2	4	20	52	181	305	360	615	754	771	765	4,079	3,792	3,445	2,667	
Driving while intoxicated.....	4	2	4	23	65	166	231	260	288	270	245	245	202	707	532	580	1,820	2,244	
Road and driving laws.....	18	51	64	192	305	645	696	720	670	850	850	850	850	850	850	850	850	21,030	
Parking violations.....	122	15	32	90	94	98	110	115	116	117	118	119	1,119	1,119	1,119	1,119	1,119	21,030	
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws.....	158	80	89	116	148	152	161	166	179	179	179	179	1,117	1,117	1,117	1,117	1,117	21,030	
Disorderly conduct.....	482	954	954	954	954	954	954	954	954	954	954	954	954	954	954	954	954	954	
Drunkenness.....	487	482	482	482	482	482	482	482	482	482	482	482	482	482	482	482	482	482	
Vagrancy.....	150	3	10	32	100	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	160	
Gambling.....	84	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	
Suspicion.....	23	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	
Not stated.....	31	600	2823	860	1,301	1,689	1,689	1,689	1,689	1,689	1,689	1,689	1,689	1,689	1,689	1,689	1,689	1,689	
All other offenses.....	681	3,423	3,206	9,568	14,991	18,876	19,979	17,294	20,414	20,712	19,778	18,362	70,515	65,153	57,576	41,390	26,185	43,817	
Total.....	681	3,423	3,206	9,568	14,991	18,876	19,979	17,294	20,414	20,712	19,778	18,362	70,515	65,153	57,576	41,390	26,185	43,817	

TABLE 120.—Arrests by age groups, female, Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1937

Offense charged	Not known	Age										224	Total all ages				
		Under 15	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23			40-44	45-49	50 and over	
Criminal homicide.....	2	5	2	8	6	19	23	32	33	34	32	150	101	42	29	21	636
Robbery.....	11	14	40	54	81	107	104	99	121	145	138	625	445	16	5	563	
Burglary—breaking or entering.....	13	10	14	38	31	332	32	37	40	39	35	357	136	81	71	2,345	
Larceny—thief.....	5	24	30	138	135	239	240	177	202	207	179	190	873	401	10	5	523
Auto theft.....	1	2	3	7	15	19	12	16	14	12	16	31	103	56	36	45	4,345
Embezzlement and fraud.....	1	1	3	13	7	17	21	35	30	31	31	125	41	36	20	16	9
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	7	4	6	11	14	7	4	6	4	234
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	1	3	1	10	20	28	18	17	21	18	20	28	80	61	65	18	0
Rape.....	1	4	14	42	96	149	180	152	219	348	365	288	1,149	617	413	110	4,239
Promiscuity and commercialized vice.....	3	4	33	43	45	88	88	87	95	98	95	70	71	167	116	33	1,303
Other sex offenses.....	2	1	2	12	17	45	27	36	50	61	61	71	202	107	50	23	909
Narcotic drug laws— Possession; carrying, possessing, etc.	1	1	1	2	7	4	12	6	8	14	6	54	31	29	10	9	201
Offenses against family and chil- dren.....	4	1	1	1	1	4	4	6	5	8	12	0	13	31	17	18	135
Liquor laws— Driving while intoxicated.....	1	1	1	1	4	9	16	25	34	34	43	22	111	77	170	134	80
Other traffic and motor vehicle violations.....	1	1	1	3	3	3	7	6	8	12	19	22	21	16	8	3	113
Drunkenness.....	5	4	11	11	11	4	1	1	4	2	4	2	2	2	2	0	0
Vagrancy.....	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	38
Gambling.....	7	41	31	5	6	4	10	7	97	139	233	233	19	92	44	13	1,771
Suspicion.....	1	51	56	101	112	117	104	56	88	60	84	63	262	190	174	90	81
Nonstated.....	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1,771
All other offenses.....	67	181	208	601	911	1,512	1,063	1,413	1,830	2,163	2,152	1,868	7,895	4,935	4,136	2,006	1,142
Total....	67	181	208	601	911	1,512	1,063	1,413	1,830	2,163	2,152	1,868	7,895	4,935	4,136	2,006	1,142

Recidivism.—There were 220,304 (42.4 percent) of the 520,153 persons arrested during 1937 who already had prior fingerprint cards on file in the Identification Division of the F B I. In addition, there were 9,279 current records bearing notations relative to prior criminal activities of persons arrested during 1937, although their fingerprints had not previously been on file. This makes a total of 229,583 persons arrested during 1937 concerning whom there was information on file dealing with prior criminal activities, and the records showed that 149,091 had been convicted previously of one or more crimes. This number is 64.9 percent of the 229,583 records containing data concerning prior criminal activities, and 28.7 percent of the 520,153 arrest records examined.

In more than one-half of the cases the previous convictions were based on major violations as indicated by the following figures:

Criminal homicide.....	1, 234
Robbery.....	5, 600
Assault.....	7, 336
Burglary.....	16, 228
Larceny (and related offenses).....	34, 930
Arson.....	180
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	4, 410
Rape.....	1, 067
Narcotic drug laws.....	2, 684
Weapons (carrying, etc.).....	1, 683
Driving while intoxicated.....	3, 258
Total.....	78, 610

There were 29 persons arrested for murder or manslaughter during 1937 whose criminal history revealed that they had on a prior occasion been convicted of criminal homicide in some degree. As already indicated, more than one-half of the total prior convictions reflected in the tabulation were based on major crimes, and the tabulation further indicates a general tendency for recidivists to repeat the same type of crime.

The 149,091 persons whose records revealed one or more prior convictions were found to have been convicted of a total of 356,675 offenses. In 160,253 instances the convictions were of major crimes, and in 196,422 cases the convictions were of less serious violations of the law.

Of the 35,976 females arrested, only 31 percent had previous finger-print cards on file, as compared with 42.4 percent for all persons arrested during 1937. Similarly, women represented only 4.6 percent of the 149,091 previous convictions found in the records. Since women represented 6.9 percent of the total persons whose arrest records were examined during the year, the percentage of women among those whose records showed previous convictions is comparatively low.

TABLE 121.—Number with previous fingerprint records, arrests, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1937

Offense charged	Total		Male		Female	
	Number arrested	Previous finger-print record	Number arrested	Previous finger-print record	Number arrested	Previous finger-print record
Criminal homicide.....	6,945	1,677	6,289	1,581	656	96
Robbery.....	13,779	7,040	13,216	6,778	563	262
Assault.....	28,669	10,562	27,134	10,010	2,535	552
Burglary—breaking or entering.....	31,438	14,004	31,915	13,887	523	117
Larceny—theft.....	59,281	24,263	54,946	23,034	4,335	1,229
Auto theft.....	13,274	5,358	13,082	5,309	192	49
Embezzlement and fraud.....	15,466	7,259	15,169	7,053	677	206
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.....	3,466	1,114	3,232	1,076	234	38
Arson.....	639	207	771	201	68	6
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	7,382	3,665	6,939	3,551	443	114
Rape.....	5,931	1,737	5,931	1,737		
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	5,711	2,790	5,472	662	4,239	2,137
Other sex offenses.....	8,986	2,448	8,683	2,170	1,303	279
Narcotic drug laws.....	5,596	2,526	5,087	2,137	909	389
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.....	6,168	2,109	5,967	2,062	201	47
Offenses against family and children.....	6,277	2,064	6,142	2,051	135	13
Liquor laws.....	8,668	3,359	7,483	3,079	1,185	280
Driving while intoxicated.....	22,385	6,102	21,930	6,013	455	89
Road and driving laws.....	4,048	1,637	3,900	1,030	58	7
Parking violations.....	30	8	30	8		
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws.....	6,647	2,154	6,534	2,125	115	29
Disorderly conduct.....	23,073	9,347	20,337	8,624	2,736	723
Drunkenness.....	85,077	39,406	80,941	37,859	4,286	1,547
Vagrancy.....	45,044	26,198	42,182	25,012	2,862	1,186
Gambling.....	7,176	1,984	6,735	1,925	441	59
Suspicion.....	59,056	25,370	54,395	24,392	4,661	1,178
Not stated.....	6,007	2,541	5,612	2,416	395	125
All other offenses.....	32,954	13,766	31,183	13,360	1,771	406
Total.....	520,153	220,304	484,177	209,142	35,976	11,162

TABLE 122.—*Percentage with previous fingerprint records, arrests, male and female, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1937*

Offense	Percent	Offense	Percent
Narcotic drug laws.....	63.2	Assault.....	35.6
Vagrancy.....	58.2	Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.....	34.2
Robbery.....	51.1	Offenses against family and children.....	32.9
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	49.6	Other traffic and motor vehicle laws.....	32.4
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	49.0	Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.....	32.1
Drunkenness.....	46.3	Rape.....	29.3
Embezzlement and fraud.....	45.8	Gambling.....	27.6
Suspicion.....	43.3	Driving while intoxicated.....	27.3
Burglary—breaking or entering.....	43.2	Other sex offenses.....	27.2
All other offenses.....	41.8	Parking violations ¹	26.7
Larceny—theft.....	40.9	Road and driving laws.....	25.6
Disorderly conduct.....	40.5	Arson.....	24.7
Auto theft.....	40.4	Criminal homicide.....	24.1
Liquor laws.....	38.8		

¹ Only 30 fingerprint cards were received representing arrests for violation of parking regulations.

TABLE 123.—Number of cases in which fingerprint records show the persons arrested had previously been convicted one or more times, male and female, Jan 1-Dec. 31, 1897

Offense charged at time of current arrest	Most serious offense of which previously convicted													
	Criminal homicide	Robbery	Burglary	Larceny	Auto theft	Embezzlement and fraud	Stolen property	Forgery and counterfeiting	Arson	Rape	Prestitution and commercialized vice	Sex offenses	Drug laws	Weapons
Criminal homicide	29	88	113	119	147	32	18	7	7	13	9	12	9	29
Robbery	35	632	267	763	933	244	79	24	6	104	52	53	79	69
Assault	135	301	1,190	698	1,069	161	62	42	11	113	65	104	99	145
Burglary—breaking or entering	59	424	401	2,922	2,269	472	109	73	14	212	105	39	13	113
Larceny—theft	90	560	605	2,362	5,569	575	378	106	23	485	105	127	119	164
Auto theft	13	129	116	535	822	532	45	28	3	92	22	7	25	32
Embezzlement and fraud	27	126	127	261	738	127	808	22	2	533	24	32	33	46
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.	9	22	28	130	178	24	10	25	3	11	5	8	5	36
Arson	3	5	15	16	28	2	2	2	6	7	1	4	2	1
Rape and counterfeiting	15	77	57	194	424	93	267	9	4	694	23	7	17	18
Forgery and counterfeiting	14	64	79	161	224	46	20	12	4	25	72	6	21	8
Prostitution and commercialized vice	11	28	59	32	146	35	2	6	—	13	4	827	30	61
Other sex offenses	17	47	94	137	215	47	35	4	6	32	35	49	236	17
Narcotic drug laws	3	48	30	115	250	25	28	4	—	34	8	79	14	16
Weapons, carrying, possessing, etc.	26	108	132	207	225	44	14	11	2	33	7	10	17	18
Offenses against family and children	9	19	117	82	134	26	33	7	—	34	17	17	27	5
Liquor laws	31	55	125	132	204	38	17	15	—	27	7	32	24	37
Driving while intoxicated	30	107	189	267	432	113	67	19	6	98	25	24	40	62
Road and driving laws	6	12	37	66	96	33	7	2	—	10	12	4	3	2
Parking violations	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	—	10	12	4	3	1
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws	6	41	91	129	253	53	20	9	1	30	13	9	17	4
Disorderly conduct	52	196	463	520	935	110	88	32	4	110	54	110	105	86
Drunkenness	168	481	1,114	1,362	2,800	341	411	62	21	406	143	158	285	220
Vagrancy	113	564	567	1,531	2,756	368	364	83	13	383	74	215	186	130
Gambling	21	31	61	82	126	16	33	11	1	16	2	19	15	32
Suspicion	169	821	1,966	3,110	547	498	86	15	—	530	139	181	168	300
Not stated	27	106	68	234	329	75	73	13	2	85	17	19	21	17
All other offenses	116	507	512	1,205	1,533	322	180	59	23	262	93	66	113	90
Total	1,234	5,000	7,388	16,228	25,905	4,487	3,650	759	180	4,410	1,067	2,214	1,750	1,684

Most serious offense of which previously convicted

Offense charged at time of current arrest	Family and child- ren	Liquor laws	Driv- ing while in- toxi- cated	Road and driv- ing laws	Park- ing laws	Other trafic and motor vehicle laws	Drun- ken- ness con- duct	Drun- ken- ness	Vag- rancy	Gam- bling	Suspi- cion	All other offenses	Total
Criminal homicide.....	6	70	16	10	1	16	49	66	27	22	5	3	76
Robbery.....	16	161	39	21	-----	63	184	282	276	49	19	7	288
Assault.....	58	400	48	48	-----	120	612	991	275	122	30	18	383
Burglary—breaking or entering.....	41	163	69	44	-----	78	302	453	60	23	27	607	9,744
Larceny—thief.....	78	430	191	113	1	113	191	685	1,241	1,680	76	36	981
Auto theft.....	10	75	74	23	-----	44	115	194	139	15	7	10	205
Entertainment and fraud.....	34	120	91	30	-----	30	116	280	270	38	18	17	233
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.....	4	60	3	6	1	10	28	43	31	13	6	5	57
Arcan.....	19	3	3	1	-----	1	5	19	3	-----	9	9	741
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	28	69	38	11	-----	19	38	127	63	5	8	9	154
Rape.....	10	37	16	22	2	15	55	90	38	15	6	3	96
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	6	63	11	11	2	9	118	169	172	18	10	2	67
Other sex offenses.....	22	53	28	8	-----	21	119	165	114	25	9	1	642
Narcotic drug laws.....	1	43	7	2	-----	5	66	133	125	14	11	1	32
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.....	11	70	25	10	-----	23	104	117	67	16	7	8	1,940
Offenses against family and children.....	162	56	49	9	-----	28	75	137	26	11	3	2	85
Liquor laws.....	11	843	33	22	-----	16	75	153	63	68	7	6	1,177
Driving while intoxicated.....	25	330	669	99	-----	130	866	112	30	10	6	6	1,037
Road and driving laws.....	3	40	30	57	-----	35	22	83	27	8	4	3	991
Parking violations.....	12	71	91	35	-----	117	77	140	41	16	2	1	101
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws.....	49	200	117	41	-----	161	1,080	1,050	523	44	17	9	1,403
Drunkard conduct.....	147	1,163	960	41	-----	397	1,187	14,487	2,012	168	67	28	20,783
Drunkenness.....	75	171	40	1	-----	61	725	2,328	3,806	82	114	27	1,180
Vagrancy.....	9	148	16	5	-----	11	45	46	62	226	6	7	48
Gambling.....	94	506	170	83	1	113	592	1,641	1,758	92	138	35	1,077
Suspicion.....	14	74	22	11	-----	16	65	128	112	11	8	10	15,675
Not stated.....	131	286	130	54	-----	102	423	942	637	52	42	544	1,114
All other offenses.....	1,057	5,918	3,255	968	5	1,451	7,063	25,967	12,213	1,260	646	819	9,060
Total.....	1,057	5,918	3,255	968	5	1,451	7,063	25,967	12,213	1,260	646	819	9,060

TABLE 124.—Number of cases in which fingerprint records show the persons arrested had previously been convicted one or more times, male.

Most serious offense of which previously convicted														
Offense charged at time of current arrest			Offense charged at time of current arrest											
Crimi- nal homi- cide	Rub- ber- y	Bur- glary	Lar- ceny	Assault	Bur- glary	Auto theft	Embe- zzlement and fraud	Stolen prop- erty	Arson	Forger- y and counterfeiting	Prostitution and com- mer- cialized vice	Ser- of- fenses	Drug laws	Wep- pons
25	111	117	143	32	17	7	7	11	9	4	10	7	26	1,062
34	623	260	750	969	244	79	32	103	65	35	48	48	68	148
127	298	1,411	1,084	1,088	160	59	52	112	54	83	76	76	113	143
58	430	400	2,347	623	367	73	13	212	55	52	77	77	113	165
85	545	584	2,344	526	573	103	22	471	105	60	69	69	263	162
13	128	115	534	831	532	28	3	69	22	5	22	22	13	113
26	126	124	261	718	127	784	21	4	483	24	27	33	44	96
8	22	28	120	174	24	10	2	11	5	4	4	4	1	1
3	5	15	16	27	3	2	2	1	3	1	2	2	1	1
13	77	53	194	413	93	261	9	4	675	23	12	15	15	13
14	64	79	161	224	46	20	12	4	25	72	5	27	6	21
5	22	37	26	46	9	8	2	4	8	4	4	6	5	6
17	47	86	133	205	47	31	4	6	32	38	8	215	13	18
3	43	34	112	228	23	4	1	1	8	13	7	8	84	15
24	108	130	207	222	44	14	11	2	33	7	8	16	77	17
9	19	116	82	134	26	33	17	4	34	17	4	26	5	15
31	55	118	131	200	38	17	14	1	25	7	24	23	25	37
20	106	180	266	428	113	67	10	6	98	25	19	37	25	87
6	12	37	66	90	33	7	2	10	12	2	3	2	11	11
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	41	89	128	232	53	29	8	1	30	13	9	17	4	14
49	192	436	613	914	110	85	31	4	108	54	40	87	56	84
166	1,078	1,438	2,744	3,888	405	51	20	402	148	67	238	193	217	129
111	551	556	1,522	2,674	267	356	81	13	379	74	78	161	322	129
21	31	61	82	125	16	33	11	1	15	2	16	15	32	129
160	25	103	67	234	75	485	85	15	622	139	17	151	374	172
113	603	504	1,201	515	322	171	66	2	83	17	10	17	22	17
1,183	5,119	7,092	16,142	25,085	4,473	3,589	742	176	4,218	1,007	645	1,405	2,417	1,062

Most serious offense of which previously convicted

Offense charged at time of current arrest

	Family and chil- dren	Driv- ing while in- tox- icated	Road and driving laws	Park- ing laws	Other traffic and motor vehicle laws	Disor- derly con- duct	Drunk- enness	Va- g- an- cy	Gam- bling	Suspi- cion	Not stated	All other offenses	Total	
Criminal homicide.....	6	65	14	10	16	40	33	24	21	4	3	74	943	
Robbery.....	16	158	36	21	125	53	555	260	49	17	7	284	4,603	
Burglary—breaking or entering.....	53	362	136	48	132	44	532	445	60	30	17	372	6,605	
Assault.....	41	119	87	44	112	112	186	619	1,302	971	75	27	604	9,658
Larceny—theft.....	77	415	186	112	1	44	113	189	137	15	7	10	32	935
Auto theft.....	10	172	74	29	29	38	113	274	263	38	17	17	264	1,381
Embezzlement and fraud.....	34	119	90	1	10	47	41	30	13	5	4	55	147	228
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.....	4	46	3	1	1	5	17	3	—	—	—	17	719	719
Anon.	17	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	146	146
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	28	65	36	11	—	16	35	126	51	—	—	8	94	94
Fraud.....	10	57	16	12	—	15	55	90	38	15	6	3	94	171
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	4	39	8	2	—	9	25	26	41	8	2	2	25	423
Other sex offenses.....	22	51	27	8	—	20	97	140	90	24	8	1	88	471
Narcotic drug laws.....	1	39	5	2	—	5	50	47	50	14	9	1	30	1,675
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.....	11	65	23	10	—	22	100	114	56	15	7	3	83	1,431
Offenses against family and children.....	162	56	49	9	—	26	74	136	28	11	3	2	85	1,170
Liquor laws.....	11	768	31	21	—	16	68	119	47	61	5	5	102	2,001
Driving while intoxicated.....	25	323	600	98	—	81	124	889	110	30	10	7	171	4,086
Road and driving laws.....	3	48	30	37	—	33	82	82	20	8	4	3	656	656
Parking violations.....	12	70	91	34	—	17	74	158	39	—	—	1	1	6
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws.....	147	188	116	40	—	172	681	987	475	43	2	1	100	1,388
Disorderly conduct.....	74	382	168	139	—	147	1,068	13,878	1,946	14	9	9	358	6,064
Drunkenness.....	9	144	10	5	—	59	69	2,201	3,043	163	63	26	1,102	28,639
Vagrancy.....	93	488	160	82	—	11	442	552	216	80	168	26	1,159	16,605
Gambling.....	13	72	21	11	—	112	540	1,514	1,678	92	130	31	1,047	1,047
Suspicion.....	126	290	126	54	—	100	404	918	607	52	40	47	1,257	9,854
Not stated.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	105	105
All other offenses.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	737	8,832	142,171
Total.....	1,040	5,638	3,194	958	—	5	1,430	6,460	24,865	11,500	1,254	603	737	8,832

TABLE 125.—Number of cases in which fingerprint records show the persons arrested had previously been convicted one or more times, female,
Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1937

Offense charged at time of current arrest										Most serious offense of which previously convicted					
Criminal homicide	Robbery	Burglary	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Auto theft	Embezzlement and fraud	Stolen property	Forgery and counterfeiting	Arson	Rape	Prostitution and commercial vice	Sex offenders	Drug laws	Weapons
4	2	2	7	24	4	1	1	1	2	1	1	8	2	3	
1	7	7	49	41	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	33	12	5	1
8	3	4	1	6	22	2	2	1	1	1	1	60	16	3	2
1	4	1	1	18	313	2	14	4	1	1	1	16	1	7	
5	15	21	1	1	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	87	20	24	1
1	1	3	1	20	4	24	1	1	18	2	2	3	1	2	
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	4	1	
1	1	1	1	11	6	1	1	1	19	1	1	1	1	1	
1	4	4	1	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	3	3	
6	6	22	6	100	1	6	1	6	6	1	1	783	34	62	3
2	6	8	4	10	4	4	1	4	4	1	1	41	21	4	
2	6	5	3	22	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	66	7	62	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	
1	7	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	8	1	1	
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	3	1	
1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	
3	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	70	18	6	2
3	4	27	7	41	3	3	1	1	2	1	1	91	47	14	
2	3	36	4	66	6	6	1	1	4	1	1	137	25	27	1
2	13	11	9	82	1	8	2	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	
9	10	26	7	106	4	13	3	1	8	1	1	106	17	26	2
2	3	1	4	11	11	1	1	1	2	1	1	9	4	1	
3	4	8	4	18	9	1	1	1	6	1	1	34	15	8	1
51	81	244	86	910	14	100	17	4	92	1	1	1,560	265	267	21
Total															

Source: Bureau of Criminal Statistics, U. S. Department of Justice.

Offense charged at time of current arrest	Most serious offense of which previously convicted												
	Family and chil- dren	Liquor laws	Driv- ing while in- toxi- cated	Road and driving laws	Park- ing	Dis- orderly conduct	Other traf- fic and motor vehicle laws	Drunk- enness	Va- g- an- cy	Gam- bling	Suspi- cion	All other offenses	Total
Criminal homicide.....													
Robbery.....	5	2					9	3	3	1	1	2	58
Assault.....	3	1					20	5	16	6	1	1	133
Burglary—breaking or entering.....	18	1					37	38	19	6	1	4	341
Larceny—theft.....	15	5	1				1	4	7	7	1	3	86
Auto theft.....	3	1					66	39	59	1	6	4	764
Embezzlement and fraud.....	1	1					2	6	2	2	1	1	24
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.....	4	1					1	3	6	7	1	5	101
Arson.....	2						1	2	1	1	1	2	22
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	4	2					2	2	1	1	1	1	8
Rape.....	2	24	3				3	1	2	1	1	2	66
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	2	1					93	61	131	3	8	1	0
Other sex offenses.....	4	2					1	22	25	24	1	1	32
Narcotic drug laws.....	5	2					1	16	6	35	1	2	171
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.....	16	3					1	4	3	1	1	2	305
Offenses against family and children.....	75	2	1				1	1	1	1	1	2	29
Liquor laws.....	7	9	1				7	14	6	7	2	7	142
Driving while intoxicated.....	1	1	1				6	7	2	2	1	2	51
Road and driving laws.....	1						1	1	1	1	1	1	5
Parking and violations.....	1						3	2	2	2	1	1	0
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws.....	12	1	1				99	108	48	1	3	1	16
Disorderly conduct.....	27	21	2				101	69	76	5	4	3	472
Drunkenness.....	16	3	1				34	67	163	2	6	1	144
Vagrancy.....	4						3	32	67	8	8	1	638
Gambling.....	18	1	1				1	8	4	8	4	1	21
Suspicion.....	6	2	1				2	19	24	20	2	8	59
All other offenses.....	6	4					21	683	1,102	713	36	43	6,920
Total.....	17	260	64	10	21	1,102	713	36	43	82	6,920

TABLE 126.—Number of cases in which fingerprint records show one or more prior convictions, and the total of prior convictions disclosed by the records, male and female, Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1937

Offense charged	Number of records showing one or more prior convictions	Number of prior convictions of major offenses	Number of prior convictions of minor offenses	Total number of prior convictions disclosed
Criminal homicide.....	1,001	1,103	812	1,915
Robbery.....	4,756	6,877	4,501	11,468
Assault.....	7,206	7,846	7,701	15,547
Burglary—breaking or entering.....	9,744	15,250	8,536	23,786
Larceny—theft.....	16,675	25,642	19,222	44,864
Auto theft.....	3,405	4,646	2,708	7,354
Embezzlement and fraud.....	4,248	6,235	3,555	9,790
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.....	741	968	710	1,678
Arson.....	154	152	134	286
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	2,414	4,237	1,528	5,765
Rape.....	1,171	1,361	889	2,250
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	1,804	2,281	1,498	3,779
Other sex offenses.....	1,642	1,867	1,631	3,498
Narcotic drug laws.....	1,940	4,812	2,016	6,828
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.....	1,460	1,720	1,383	3,103
Offenses against family and children.....	1,177	1,050	1,009	2,059
Liquor laws.....	2,143	1,307	2,669	3,976
Driving while intoxicated.....	4,057	2,551	4,623	7,174
Road and driving laws.....	661	503	627	1,130
Parking violations.....	6	9	11	20
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws.....	1,403	1,191	1,491	2,682
Disorderly conduct.....	6,536	5,602	10,147	15,749
Drunkenness.....	29,783	15,022	60,893	75,915
Vagrancy.....	16,643	15,430	27,172	42,602
Gambling.....	1,107	1,150	909	2,059
Suspicion.....	15,675	18,730	17,055	35,785
Not stated.....	1,694	2,238	1,616	3,833
All other offenses.....	9,845	10,473	11,287	21,760
Total.....	149,091	160,253	196,422	356,675

Race.—Whites were represented by 383,306 of the records examined and Negroes by 113,524. The remaining races were represented as follows: Indian, 2,787; Chinese, 1,120; Japanese, 228; Mexican, 16,897; all others, 2,291.

The significance of the figures showing the number of Negroes arrested as compared with the number of whites can best be indicated in terms of the number of each in the general population of the country. Exclusive of those under 15 years of age, there were according to the 1930 decennial census, 8,041,014 Negroes, 13,069,192 foreign-born whites, and 64,365,193 native whites in the United States. Of each 100,000 Negroes, 1,412 were arrested and fingerprinted during 1937, whereas the corresponding figure for native whites was 517 and for foreign-born whites 212. Figures for individual types of violations may be found in the following tabulations. It should be observed in connection with the foregoing data that the figure for native whites includes the immediate descendants of foreign-born individuals. Persons desiring to make a thorough study of the comparative amounts of crime committed by native whites and foreign-born whites should employ available compilations showing the number of instances in which offenders are of foreign or mixed parentage.

TABLE 127.—*Distribution of arrests according to race, male and female, Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1937*

Offense charged	Race							Total all races
	White	Negro	Indian	Chinese	Japanese	Mexican	All others	
Criminal homicide	4,258	2,399	27	5	8	204	44	6,945
Robbery	9,294	3,871	47	9	7	415	136	13,779
Assault	16,198	12,118	116	19	18	953	247	29,669
Burglary—breaking or entering	23,032	8,422	106	9	7	720	142	32,438
Larceny—theft	41,161	16,188	228	20	6	1,463	215	59,281
Auto theft	10,956	1,780	74	1	4	431	28	13,274
Embezzlement and fraud	13,638	1,738	48	12	8	351	51	15,846
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.	2,427	918	7	8	—	90	16	3,466
Arson	697	121	2	—	—	19	—	839
Forgery and counterfeiting	6,583	654	29	5	15	74	22	7,382
Rape	4,413	1,135	53	9	2	231	68	5,931
Prostitution and commercialized vice	3,966	1,600	40	4	1	82	18	5,711
Other sex offenses	7,421	1,252	35	21	2	212	43	8,996
Narcotic drug laws	2,193	707	18	600	1	303	75	3,998
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.	3,370	2,502	14	8	5	191	78	6,168
Offenses against family and children	5,217	834	17	—	2	184	23	6,277
Liquor laws	4,873	3,655	20	15	4	93	8	8,608
Driving while intoxicated	19,355	1,561	218	5	21	1,165	60	22,385
Road and driving laws	2,850	929	32	—	3	198	36	4,048
Parking violations	26	3	—	—	—	1	—	39
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws	4,974	1,367	22	5	4	237	38	6,647
Disorderly conduct	16,099	5,908	153	7	5	709	107	23,073
Drunkenness	69,372	9,654	849	14	67	4,979	142	85,077
Vagrancy	34,388	8,630	208	48	8	1,526	236	45,044
Gambling	4,088	2,680	4	207	11	85	101	7,176
Suspicion	42,792	14,563	255	52	7	1,202	185	59,056
Not stated	4,703	1,162	37	5	—	77	23	6,007
All other offenses	24,962	7,068	128	23	12	612	149	32,954
Total	383,306	113,524	2,787	1,120	228	16,897	2,291	520,153

TABLE 128.—*Distribution of arrests according to race, male, Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1937*

Offense charged	Race							Total all races
	White	Negro	Indian	Chinese	Japanese	Mexican	All others	
Criminal homicide	4,038	1,979	21	4	8	197	42	6,289
Robbery	8,999	3,624	43	9	7	404	130	12,216
Assault	15,613	10,194	110	19	18	607	243	22,134
Burglary—breaking or entering	22,728	8,217	103	9	7	709	142	31,915
Larceny—theft	38,820	14,306	209	20	6	1,397	186	54,946
Auto theft	10,807	1,746	70	1	4	426	29	13,063
Embezzlement and fraud	13,120	1,587	46	12	8	347	49	15,160
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.	2,324	791	7	8	—	86	16	3,232
Arson	652	100	1	—	—	18	—	771
Forgery and counterfeiting	6,243	559	29	5	13	69	22	6,889
Rape	4,413	1,155	53	9	2	201	68	5,931
Prostitution and commercialized vice	965	458	5	4	1	23	16	1,472
Other sex offenses	6,435	958	28	19	2	203	46	7,683
Narcotic drug laws	1,536	953	11	608	1	263	74	3,087
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.	3,301	2,371	4	8	1	190	78	5,967
Offenses against family and children	5,115	805	16	—	2	181	23	6,143
Liquor laws	4,817	2,834	20	15	4	85	8	7,483
Driving while intoxicated	18,941	1,532	215	5	21	1,156	60	21,500
Road and driving laws	2,812	908	32	—	3	198	36	3,960
Parking violations	26	3	—	—	—	1	—	39
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws	4,887	1,344	22	5	4	234	38	6,534
Disorderly conduct	14,503	4,815	137	7	5	771	90	20,337
Drunkenness	66,331	8,582	786	14	65	4,877	136	80,794
Vagrancy	32,338	7,940	177	48	7	1,444	228	42,182
Gambling	3,954	2,373	4	207	11	85	101	6,735
Suspicion	39,589	13,224	220	50	7	1,162	163	54,395
Not stated	4,409	1,069	35	5	—	76	18	5,612
All other offenses	23,709	6,590	119	22	11	593	139	31,183
Total	361,103	100,662	2,532	1,113	222	16,362	2,183	484,177

TABLE 129.—*Distribution of arrests according to race, female, Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1937*

Offense charged	Race							Total all races
	White	Negro	Indian	Chinese	Japanese	Mexican	All others	
Criminal homicide.....	220	420	6	1	—	7	2	656
Robbery.....	295	247	4	—	—	11	6	563
Assault.....	585	1,924	6	—	—	16	4	2,335
Burglary—breaking or entering.....	304	205	3	—	—	11	—	523
Larceny—theft.....	2,341	1,880	19	—	—	66	29	4,335
Auto theft.....	149	34	4	—	—	5	—	192
Embezzlement and fraud.....	518	151	2	—	—	4	2	677
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.....	103	127	—	—	—	4	—	224
Arson.....	45	21	1	—	—	1	—	68
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	340	95	1	—	2	5	—	443
Rape.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	3,001	1,142	35	—	—	59	2	4,239
Other sex offenses.....	988	294	7	2	—	9	3	1,003
Narcotic drug laws.....	657	202	7	1	—	41	1	669
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.....	69	131	—	—	—	1	—	201
Offenses against family and children.....	102	29	—	—	—	3	—	135
Liquor laws.....	356	821	—	—	—	8	—	1,185
Driving while intoxicated.....	414	29	3	—	—	9	—	455
Road and driving laws.....	38	20	—	—	—	—	—	58
Parking violations.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws.....	87	22	—	—	—	3	—	113
Disorderly conduct.....	1,596	1,088	16	—	—	28	8	2,736
Drunkenness.....	3,041	1,072	63	—	2	102	6	4,296
Vagrancy.....	2,050	656	31	—	1	82	8	2,663
Gambling.....	134	307	—	—	—	—	—	441
Suspicion.....	3,223	1,339	35	2	—	40	22	4,661
Not stated.....	294	93	2	—	—	1	5	395
All other offenses.....	1,253	478	9	1	1	19	10	1,771
Total.....	22,203	12,862	255	7	6	535	108	35,976

TABLE 130.—*Number of arrests of Negroes and whites in proportion to the number of each in the general population of the country, male and female, Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1937, rate per 100,000 of population*

[Excluding those under 15 years of age]

Offense charged	Native white	Foreign-born white	Negro
Criminal homicide.....	5.6	4.1	29.8
Robbery.....	12.8	2.8	48.1
Assault.....	20.1	21.0	180.7
Burglary—breaking or entering.....	33.0	7.3	104.7
Larceny—theft.....	58.6	18.6	201.3
Auto theft.....	16.0	2.1	22.1
Embezzlement and fraud.....	17.7	6.9	21.6
Stolen property; buying, receiving, etc.....	2.9	3.7	11.4
Arson.....	.8	1.0	1.5
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	9.3	2.4	8.1
Rape.....	6.0	3.1	14.4
Prostitution and commercialized vice.....	5.7	1	19.9
Other sex offenses.....	9.6	7.4	15.6
Narcotic drug laws.....	3.1	1.0	9.9
Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.....	4.4	3.4	31.1
Offenses against family and children.....	7.1	4.1	10.4
Liquor laws.....	6.4	5.0	45.5
Driving while intoxicated.....	26.8	8.7	19.4
Road and driving laws.....	4.1	1.1	11.6
Parking violations.....	(1)	(1)	(1)
Other traffic and motor vehicle laws.....	7.0	2.3	17.0
Disorderly conduct.....	21.8	12.8	73.4
Drunkenness.....	86.7	36.7	120.1
Vagrancy.....	46.8	16.4	107.3
Gambling.....	4.8	3.5	33.3
Suspicion.....	58.6	19.1	181.1
Not stated.....	6.6	2.5	14.5
All other offenses.....	35.0	14.1	87.9
Total.....	517.4	212.2	1,411.8

¹ Less than 1/2 of 1 per 100,000.

TABLE 131.—Number of native whites, number of foreign-born whites and number of Negroes arrested and fingerprinted by age groups, male and female, Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1937

Age	Number arrested			Number of arrests per 100,000 of the general population of the United States		
	Native white	Foreign-born white	Negro	Native white	Foreign-born white	Negro
15.	2,301	38	914	116.2	98.0	380.1
16.	6,997	148	2,682	346.3	269.8	1,040.6
17.	10,769	219	4,157	552.4	335.5	1,096.8
18.	13,929	216	4,711	707.9	569.7	1,750.4
19.	14,785	264	4,984	791.1	294.1	2,691.9
20.	12,982	196	4,163	714.9	183.3	1,610.2
21.	14,844	244	4,944	810.6	209.4	2,165.5
22.	15,159	288	5,113	850.8	223.3	2,050.2
23.	14,261	296	5,232	833.4	205.4	2,231.2
24.	13,726	335	5,032	824.7	202.5	2,164.7
25-29.	55,153	1,932	22,354	730.2	189.2	2,085.7
30-34.	44,791	2,753	15,991	652.7	220.8	1,849.7
35-39.	38,652	3,666	13,765	589.9	224.7	1,545.1
40-44.	27,241	4,494	7,706	494.9	265.3	1,121.0
45-49.	18,290	4,450	4,709	384.4	284.3	747.4
50 and over.	26,841	8,152	5,520	185.4	165.9	386.3
Unknown.	232	24	199	343.7	244.3	1,449.3
Total.	330,953	27,715	112,176	514.2	212.1	1,305.9

TABLE 132.—Percentage distribution of arrests by age, of native whites, foreign-born whites and Negroes, male and female, Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1937

Age	Number arrested			Percent		
	Native white	Foreign-born white	Negro	Native white	Foreign-born white	Negro
15 and under 21.	61,763	1,081	21,611	18.7	3.9	19.3
21-24.	57,990	1,163	20,321	17.5	4.2	18.1
25-29.	55,153	1,932	22,354	16.7	7.0	19.9
30-34.	44,791	2,753	15,991	13.5	9.9	14.2
35-39.	38,652	3,666	13,765	11.7	13.2	12.3
40-44.	27,241	4,494	7,706	8.2	16.2	6.9
45-49.	18,290	4,450	4,709	5.5	16.1	4.2
50 and over.	26,841	8,152	5,520	8.1	29.4	4.9
Unknown.	232	24	199	.1	.1	.2
Total.	330,953	27,715	112,176	100.0	100.0	100.0

At the end of December 1937, there were 7,988,636 fingerprint records and 9,262,061 index cards containing the names and aliases of individuals on file in the Identification Division of the F B I. Of each 100 fingerprint cards received during 1937, more than 55 were identified with those on file in the Bureau. Fugitives numbering 6,307 were identified through fingerprint records during this same period, and interested law enforcement officials were immediately notified of the whereabouts of those fugitives. As of December 31, 1937, there were 10,674 police departments, peace officers, and law-enforcement agencies throughout the United States and foreign countries voluntarily contributing fingerprints to the F B I.

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